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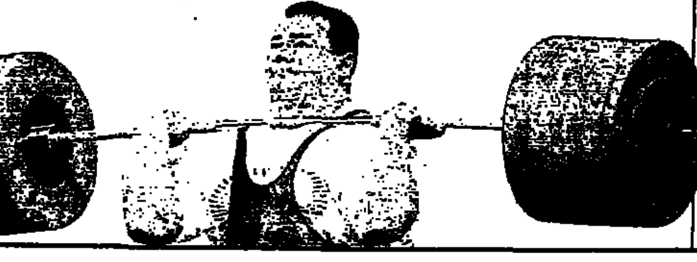

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Imran greets verdict with 'I am overjoyed'

£400,000 libel costs for Lamb and Botham

By Tim Jones

IAN BOTHAM and Allan Lamb were last night facing a bill of up to £400,000 after losing their libel case against the former Pakistan cricket captain Imran Khan.

The two former England stars were "astonished" by the jury's verdict on their claim that Imran called them cheats and racists. But both insisted that they had no regrets in bringing the case. "How can one regret it? I fought for my dignity and honesty," Botham said.

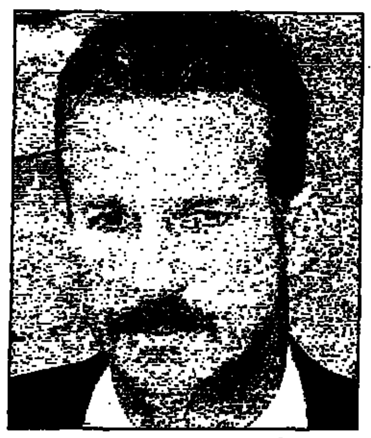
Imran, who said he would have been bankrupted had he lost the case, described the 13-day trial as a nightmare and a complete exercise of futility. "I feel very sorry for Ian Botham," he added.

The jury's majority verdict, after four-and-a-half hours of deliberation, came at the end of a trial that had seen a host of cricket stars and pundits dissecting the vexed question of ball-tampering. Botham had claimed that Imran had accused him of cheating in an article in *The Sun* by suggesting that he interfered with the ball — something Botham said he had never done.

Botham and Lamb also sued over an article in *India Today*, in which they claimed Imran called them racists and attributed their strong line on ball-tampering to their lack of education, class and upbringing.

Imran, who denied libel, said he was misquoted and was trying only to defend himself after admitting that he had used a bottletop to scratch the ball during a county match 15 years ago.

When the jury brought in its verdict, Botham stared in disbelieve and cast a stony glance at Imran before looking quickly away. Imran whiped his face and grasped the wife of his pregnant wife, Jemima, who said: "We've done it!" Afterwards, Imram said: "I am overjoyed. I thank the Almighty that what I have been saying for two years has been vindicated. I have never called anyone a racist, an underclass or a cheat.



Botham: "I fought for my dignity and honesty"

"I am also happy that the Pakistani cricketers have ben vindicated because they have been called cheats throughout and I have written to the ICC (the International Cricket Council) to clear up the issue." He hoped that the council would now deal with what he described as "this awful issue of ball-tampering".

But Botham said he was confused by the verdict. Imran had withdrawn his claims of justification and had to admit he (Botham) was not a cheat. "That is why I found it confusing and many other people will find it confusing as well. But life goes on." Lamb also said that he was astonished, but added: "The jury has got to make its decision and you have to accept that. I don't think there are any implications to my reputation."

Some legal sources were estimating that the trial will have run up costs of about £500,000, most of which will have to be borne by Botham and Lamb — although Imran will have to pay something.

Botham said yesterday that the bill was the least of his worries — he would just have to take part in more "Beefy and Lamby" roadshows where the pair tour cricket clubs to entertain paying guests. His assets include a five-bedroom farmhouse in north Yorkshire and a cottage in Alderney. He is understood to have signed a contract with the *Daily Mirror* to tell his story.

Lamb is in the middle of a testimonial year with Northamptonshire, which could well give him £300,000. He also has a book coming out soon which will again air the ball-tampering issue.

Imran, whose father-in-law is the millionaire businessman Sir James Goldsmith, said last night that he would have been penniless had he lost the case. "Most of the money I had made from cricket I gave to the cancer hospital. The rest would have gone today. I would have been bankrupt."

He now wanted to return to Pakistan and work for his political group, the Justice Party. The case had been "a complete exercise of futility. I mean a ridiculous situation to be involved in when I have something much more important in Pakistan."

He said he had written to both Lamb and Botham saying there had been a misundertanding and he had offered to write an open letter saying that he did not call them cheats or racists. "But I could not let them make me apologise for something I hadn't said. I would rather die than apologise for something I didn't do."

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ANDRE CAMARA

Imran Khan with his wife Jemima after his victory. But he may still have to pay £100,000 costs

Howard ready to overrule Tories on gun ban

By Philip Webster and Richard Ford

MICHAEL HOWARD is expected to override Conservative MPs' objections and ban private ownership of handguns if the Dunblane massacre inquiry says he should.

The Home Secretary has let it be known that he will bring forward a Bill to implement new gun controls should Lord Cullen — as seems inevitable — put forward proposals that require legislation. The Government expects his report in late September.

Other ministers also distanced themselves from the Commons Home Affairs Committee decision that a handgun ban would be impractical, while Labour MPs and the Dunblane families accused the six Conservatives on the committee of being scared of losing votes.

Ian Taylor, a spokesman for the families, said: "Who on earth do these Tories think they are? These MPs are prepared to stand in the way of a safer Britain just to help out their friends who enjoy shooting. It is sick."

And Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, said: "The select committee would have been better drawing their conclusions in the light of the Cullen report."

Although Mr Howard would face a Commons revolt among Conservative MPs, any move to impose a ban would be certain to be carried with Labour support. There would be exceptions to cover humane killing by farmers and vets, and safeguards for sportsmen. Ammunition would be allowed only on shooting ranges and guns would have to be disabled before being taken away.

The Dunblane killer, Thomas Hamilton, held his guns legally and MPs believe that even if Lord Cullen does not go

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Britain's teenage sailor has to settle for silver

From Edward Gorman and John Goodbody in Atlanta

BEN AINSLIE, Britain's youngest-ever Olympic yachtsman, saw his hopes of a gold medal in the Laser class dashed yesterday as both he and his rival, Robert Scheidt of Brazil, were disqualified from the last race after Scheidt lured him early over the starting line.

However, Ainslie, 19, secured the silver after an agonising wait to see if Peer Moberg of Norway, who was lying in third place overall, could snatch it from him by winning the race.

Tim Henman, the British hero at Wimbledon, and his partner Neil Broad are also assured of at least a silver medal after reaching the finals of the men's tennis doubles. The pair defeated David Prinosil and Mark-Kevin Goellner of Germany 6-4, 3-6, 10-8 in the semi-final.

In another British success yesterday, Max Sciandri finished third in the men's cycling road race. In a three-way sprint at the end of the 139-mile event, Sciandri was edged out by Pascal Richard of Switzerland, the winner, and Rolf Sorenson of Denmark.

Kevin Hickey the technical officer of the British Olympic Association added to the controversy over the poor performances overall by the British team, saying: "We can get out all the excuses you like and throw in all the bad luck, but we are a mediocrity."

In athletics, Sonia O'Sullivan, Ireland's hope for a 1500-metre gold medal failed to qualify for the final because of diarrhoea.On a bleak day for the Irish, Marie McMahon who finished 14th in a heat of the 5000 metres in 15mins:59.12secs was revealed to have failed a drugs test.

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Killer jailed

A family celebrated the end of an 18-year campaign for justice last night as a teenager's killer was jailed for life. Michael Brookes was convicted by an Old Bailey jury of the stabbing of Lynn Siddons. Brookes, 51, had blamed his stepson for the killing in 1978 .... Page 3

Lottery criticism

Virginia Bottomley tried to head off fresh demands for the resignation of Peter Davis, the National Lottery regulator, after a Commons committee criticised him for taking free flights in America on the corporate aircraft of a firm that has a big stake in Camelot .... Page 8

£80m windfall

Fifty former British Rail managers and staff were yesterday celebrating an £80 million profit from selling Porterbrook, a train leasing company they acquired six months ago, to Stagecoach, the bus operator. Porterbrook leases out about a quarter of British Rail's former fleet of trains .... Page 23

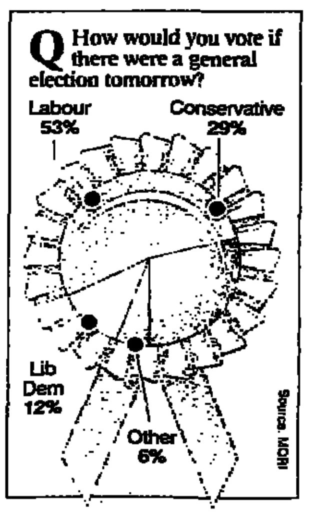
Shadow Cabinet furore hits Blair

By Peter Riddell

TONY BLAIR'S personal approval rating has fallen to its lowest level since he was elected Labour leader two years ago, with a particularly sharp drop among his own party supporters, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times*. This follows the row over the Shadow Cabinet elections and Mr Blair's handling of the subsequent reshuffle and demotion of Clare Short.

The poll, undertaken between the middle of last week and Sunday, confirms that Labour retains its commanding overall lead as the Tories have lost half the big gain they achieved during June.

Mr Blair's approval rating — measuring those satisfied and less dissatisfied with his performance — stands at plus 11 points, compared with plus 19 a month ago. His rating has fallen even more sharply among Labour supporters, from plus 57 to plus 44. This probably reflects concern about his assertive leadership style and his treatment of Labour party critics.



His approval rating also fell a year ago when there was criticism of him by left-wing

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Lily the stink loses its 33-year reputation by a nose

By Jane MacQuitty
Wine Correspondent

THE stinking lily of Kew Gardens finally came into flower yesterday, and proved a red herring. Its allegedly awful fishy smell was noticeable only by its almost complete absence.

The titan arum, which last flowered at Kew 33 years ago, is supposed to have a nauseating stench of rotting fish or decaying human flesh so overpowering that in its native Indonesia it is known as the "corpse flower".

Yesterday, though, the overwhelming smell in the Princess of Wales Conservatory was of a sweaty public queueing on a hot July afternoon for a whiff of the plant.

Attendances at the Royal Botanic Gardens had already trebled over normal expectations by Tuesday, and yesterday afternoon a queue stretched more than 70 yards. The titan arum displayed similar plant power in crowd-pulling when it last flowered in Kew in 1889, 1926 and 1963.

Once inside the conservatory no one was turning left as usually required to see the giant waterlily. Instead everyone was making a bee-line for the titan arum whose Latin name, *amorphophallus titanum*, gives a clue to its most striking attribute.

With the 4ft-high primrose-yellow spadix rearing upward from the inflorescence's centre, the titan arum is assuredly no shrinking violet. But in the smell department it proved a non-

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Gun law: Tories put themselves in firing line

Weapon ban rebels feel full force of public fury

By Alice Thomson
Political Reporter

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POLITICIANS from all sides were yesterday trying to puzzle out why six backbench Tory MPs had defied public opinion and refused to back a ban on handguns.

The six, who sit on the Home Affairs Select Committee, were vilified yesterday for blocking the ban in the face of pressure for action after the Dunblane massacre. They were accused of being "sick, unacceptable and disgusting".

Teachers complained and the father of a child killed by Thomas Hamilton said: "I hope they can live with themselves. They are living in a cocoon."

Some Tories were horrified that their colleagues were making the party look soft on crime. They had little sympathy for the MPs. None of the six — Sir Ivan Lawrence, David Ashby, Walter Sweeney, John Greenway, Dame Jill Knight and Warren Hawksley — are natural rebels.

David Mellor, the former Home Office Minister, said their decision had been profoundly damaging. "They are mistaken, and I think there is a serious danger now of the Conservative Party at all levels losing the plot on this very serious matter." Although some traditionalist or libertarian Tories backed their stance, none was prepared to say so publicly yesterday.

The backbenchers had no political pressure on them. Ever since Tony Blair and John Major visited Dunblane together, the massacre is meant to have been a nonpartisan issue. But select committees are also expected to reach a consensus — and the six Tories used their majority to overrule five Labour MPs who supported a ban.

The parents of the 16 children killed in the massacre have all demanded a ban, 725,000 people have signed a petition for one, and Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, is known to be pressurising Cabinet colleagues to make space for a Bill this autumn to ban handguns.

Four of the six Tories were on holiday or "staying with friends" and unavailable yesterday. Mr Greenway said that once the Tory MPs had looked at the issue dispassionately they realised a ban would be impractical. He accused his Labour colleagues of leaking the committee's report.

For three months police officers, victims' parents and firearms instructors gave extensive evidence to the committee. The British Association of Shooting and Conservation, British Field Sports Association, National Pistol Association and the Muzzle Loaders Association all made representations for the 250,000 legal owners of handguns.

Mr Hawksley said he had come under no pressure from the gun lobby. "I personally believe it would be tricky to ban guns. After all they are one of the oldest sports at the Olympics and some people do need to own one. Also there are so many illegal guns around from places like the Eastern bloc that a madman could easily get hold of one if he wanted anyway," he said.

The Labour members of the committee are furious but are not allowed to comment until the report is published later this month. One claimed: "The Tories were almost drooling over the gun lobby, none of them asked any difficult questions."

In a heated meeting last Wednesday, just before the report was finalised, the Labour MPs thought they could swing one or two of the Tories. "There was blood on the floor over this. But it became increasingly clear that they had made some sort of a pact with each other to stick together," said a Labour MP.

Labour are now going to publish their own minority report. "The committee is so divided I don't know how we are going to meet up in October without coming to blows," one said.

Alun Michael, Labour home affairs spokesman, said yesterday: "I have no idea what was going on in the Tories' minds but it is bizarre that they all came to the same conclusion — the gun lobby must be congratulating themselves."

Meanwhile, the shooting lobby is fighting a defensive battle to focus attention on the individual seeking to use a gun rather than the weapon itself. Two major lobbying campaigns are mobilising support in preparation for the publication of Lord Cullen's report in the next few weeks and to influence MPs for legislation expected in the next session of Parliament.

The British Shooting Sports Council, which represents the UK's 900,000 shooters, has been discreetly lobbying MPs and the media during the last few weeks.

Magnus Linklater, page 16

THE MAIN OPTIONS FOR CHANGE

The struggle to tighten gun controls revolves around two key points: whether to impose a ban on possession of handguns or to introduce tougher restrictions on the issuing of licences for firearms. The options under discussion are:

Ban on the private ownership of handguns: About 57,000 people hold firearms certificates for 200,000 handguns. The Dunblane parents, Labour Party, Gun Control Network and some Chief Constables support total prohibition. The six Conservative members of the Home Affairs Select Committee, British Shooting Sports Council and Police Superintendents' Association oppose.

Ban on handguns other than those chambered for .22 calibre or lower: Would not affect British shooters' ability to take part in international sporting competitions. Backed by Dunblane parents, Labour Party, Gun Control Network and Chief Constables. Opposed by British Shooting Sports Council, umbrella organisation for 900,000 shooters. This option would remove from circulation about 90 per cent of handguns currently held legally.

Tighter controls over issue of firearms certificates: Obtaining information about applicant's medical history. Supported by the Chief Constables, shooting lobby, Home Affairs Select Committee. British Medical Association opposes: doctors would have to make judgments about a person's fitness to have guns.

Referees rather than counter-signatories on application for licence: Backed by Chief Constables, Home Affairs Select Committee, Labour Party, shooting lobby and Police Superintendents' Association and Firearms Consultative Council, government's firearms watchdog.

Sale of guns and ammunition to be restricted: This would ban the advertising of guns and ammunition on a mail order basis. Supported by Labour, Gun Control Network, Dunblane parents. Opposed by shooting lobby.

Ban on deactivated and replica weapons: Backed by Labour and Gun Control Network, but opposed by shooting lobby. No evidence that properly deactivated weapons have ever been been reactivated.

Handgun ban

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as far as a total ban there will be vastly tighter controls. An informed source said: "Anything that Lord Cullen recommends will carry huge weight. It will be very hard for us, having asked him to do the inquiry, to turn down anything he suggests."

A consensus has emerged on plans to take 90 per cent of the 200,000 handguns out of circulation, with chief constables and the Labour Party saying that guns should be used only for legal sport and that all pistols above .22 calibre be prohibited.

The row over the select committee's decision is a big embarrassment to ministers, and the thought of having to rely on Labour MPs to enforce a law and order measure fills them with dread.

But yesterday John Greenway, one of the six Tories, defended the decision, saying on BBC Radio 4's *Today*: "We took the view that it is not legally-held firearms that cause the problem in this country. It is the way that firearms certificates are issued where the law needs to be strengthened.

"While we entirely understood why people might want to ban handguns in the light of Dunblane, you have got to sit down and look dispassionately at what that would mean, what the effect would be, and would it in all honesty prevent that kind of incident happening again in the future? We came to the balanced view that it would not."

The five Labour members on the committee are planning a minority report calling for a ban, and the party's home affairs spokesman, Alun Michael, said yesterday that the Tory MPs "must have taken leave of their senses".

The former Home Office minister David Mellor was also disappointed in his Tory colleagues. "I think they are mistaken, and I think there is a serious danger now of the Conservative Party at all levels losing the plot on this very serious matter," he said.

"There is no doubt the public wants a ban on handguns. What we are trying to take out are the heavy calibre handguns, the sort of Clint Eastwood type guns, which are an American accretion on our way of life.

"If we want to import the American way of life, we've got to come to terms with the American way of death."

GILL ALLEN

Sir David Attenborough peers into the titan arum flower, the world's largest

Lily the stink loses by a nose

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event. Few who came to inhale its noxious odours were able to detect anything.

I submitted the plant to a complete organoleptic analysis at close quarters, being permitted to put my head into the ruff formed by the creamy lime-green spathe. I detected faint scents, in waves, of fresh fish and an undertone of decaying meat. The smell was strongest just inside the blood-red rim of the spathe, when my nose was between the spathe and the phallic spadix:

Geoff Kite, researcher in plant chemistry at Kew, confirmed my findings. Using aroma collectors with absorbers to capture the scents for analysis in a gas chromatograph mass spectrometer, he has so far isolated two compounds, dimethyl disulphide and dimethyl trisulphide. Both chemicals are found in the putrescent stinkhorn fungus and the voodoo lily.

He confirmed the arum releases its odours in pulsing waves, the spadix heating up as white female flowers and pink male flowers become ready for pollination.

Derek Lewis, of Kew's press office, said: "For four days people have been asking us when is it going to open. Now they are asking, when is it going to smell?" There is still hope. David Attenborough says the male flowers only open on the second night, so the eagerly awaited pong may be more noticeable today.

In its native Sumatran rain forest, the flowers should be pollinated by beetles and sweat bees.

Yesterday Kew's specimen had attracted granny gardeners, eager children and keen horticulturists in droves — but from the insect world only a single small flying ant.

Clinton praises loyalist ceasefire

By Tom Rhodes
and Nicholas Watt

LOYALIST paramilitaries were praised by President Clinton yesterday for maintaining their 22-month ceasefire in the face of renewed IRA terrorism. In a statement on Northern Ireland, he called on the IRA to end its campaign of violence.

He also urged nationalists and loyalists to treat each other with "dignity and respect" during the rest of the marching season.

Mr Clinton has been under increasing pressure from nationalist supporters in Congress to press Whitehall to organise meetings with Sinn Fein. The Administration has remained resolutely behind both London and Dublin in its requirement that the IRA must decommission before joining talks.

Mr Clinton's call came as John Major and John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, spoke over the telephone about the next contentious loyalist parade, due in Londonderry on August 10.

The two leaders expressed their hope that nationalists and loyalists in the city would reach a local accommodation to avoid violence. A Downing Street spokesman described the 20-minute conversation as "entirely friendly".

The conversation was seen as an attempt by the two to mend fences after Mr Bruton launched a scathing attack on the Government last month over the Orange march through Drumcree.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, announced yesterday that Dr Peter North, QC, the vice chancellor of Oxford University, would chair the independent review which would examine contentious parades. The Government set up the review after the widespread disturbances throughout Northern Ireland last month after the stand-off at Drumcree.

Dr North, 59, said yesterday that he faced an important task. He will begin his work next month after the end of the marching season.

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MPs. It then recovered quickly, so the latest drop in his rating could also be temporary. Moreover, Mr Blair's overall public rating remains more favourable than that of John Major or Paddy Ashdown.

The voting-intention figures confirm Labour's strong overall position with at most nine months to go before the next election. Labour is now on 53 per cent, up one since late June. The Tories slipped two points during July to 29 per cent. This follows their four-point jump during June to 31 per cent, when there was much talk about the "feel-good" factor and the impact of England's early success in the Euro '96 football championship. The Liberal Democrats remain on 12 per cent.

There are signs of a gradual improvement in the Tory position, but it is very slow, and the party will have to achieve an unprecedented recovery if it is to win a fourth term.

MORI interviewed 1,928 adults at 149 ward sampling points between July 23 and 28. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (9 per cent), are undecided (7 per cent) or who refused to say (3 per cent).

You could win with Labour, Blair tells Olympic squad

By Alice Thomson, Political Reporter

TONY BLAIR promised that a Labour Government would go for gold yesterday after listening to a catalogue of complaints from top sportsman by satellite link to Atlanta. He spoke as Britain looked likely to record its worst performance at an Olympics in more than 40 years.

Mr Blair said he would be setting up an urgent review to assist Britain's future Olympic hopefuls, promised to make sport a major national priority, and said that Britain under Labour could bring home the medals from the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur and the Sydney Olympics in 2000.

The Tories — who benefited in the polls from the English football team's success in Euro 96 — immediately accused Mr Blair of "cynical opportunism". They are worried that Britain's poor performance in Atlanta will weaken any new "feel-good" factor.

Addressing athletes from the British Olympic Association HQ in Wandsworth, south London, the Labour leader said: "Sport is a national asset and an investment for the whole country." Mr Major was asked if he would like to take part in the link-up but declined.

Mr Blair was told by Dick Palmer, the BOA chairman who is due to meet Mr Major next week, that sport was "muddling through due to too few resources — we need at our disposal people like physiologists, scientists and nutritionists to be able to properly prepare and compete." Matthew Pinsent, the gold-medallist oarsman, told the Labour leader it was a "disgrace" for the Olympic team to be sponsored only by private companies.

Mr Blair refused to pledge more money, but said: "I think we have got to decide from now on that as a country we are going to treat this as a major national priority. When we do well as a country, the whole country benefits, business benefits, the whole area of national life is opened up in a way that I think isn't often appreciated."

Virginia Bottomley has stayed away from the Olympics, but Dr Jack Cunningham, the shadow secretary for National Heritage, who is in Atlanta, said: "Britain used to be at the forefront of sporting prowess and achievement. The talent and desire has been undermined through 17 years of neglect."

Derek Casey, chief executive of the Sports Council, said: "We wholeheartedly agree with the comments coming out of Atlanta. The Sports Council believes that competitors representing their country should not suffer financially, and are determined to provide them with a new start."

The Conservatives said that more money would soon be available from the Lottery Sports Fund, which currently received £300 million a year, and was already dramatically improving sports facilities.

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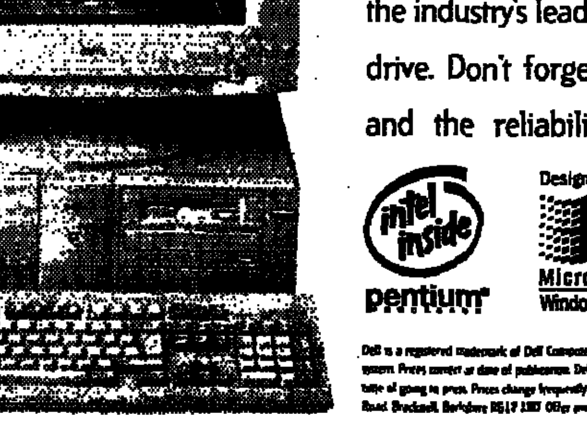

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I have finally got justice, says grandmother who refused to let murderer live in peace

Victim's family see killer jailed after 18-year fight

By Michael Horsnell

AMILY celebrated the end of an 18-year campaign for justice last night as a teenager's killer was jailed for life. Michael Brookes showed no emotion as an Old Bailey jury convicted him of the frenzied stabbing of Lynn Siddons.

rookes, 51, blamed his stepson for the killing in 1978 and served as a principal prosecution witness when the boy was tried and cleared the same year. From then on, the dead girl's grandmother fought to put the right man in the dock, amid allegations of police errors and four refusals by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

ast night Florence Siddons, 81, who carried on working past retirement as a cleaner to raise funds for the campaign, was planning to open a bottle of champagne she had kept for years for this moment. She said: "I feel so happy that I have finally got justice. It's made all my efforts worthwhile. I felt so relieved when the jury came back with their verdict."

The jury was not told how the campaign had reached a previous high point in 1991. In an unprecedented ruling over a civil action brought by the family, Mr Justice Rougier had named Brookes as the killer and awarded damages against him of £10,641.

Lynn Siddons was a pretty, outgoing girl raised by her grandmother in Sinfin, Derby. At the time of the murder, she had been due to start work as a packer at Derby Co-operative Society, her first job after leaving school. Instead, she was stabbed 43 times and asphyxiated after being lured to the banks of the Trent and Mersey Canal.

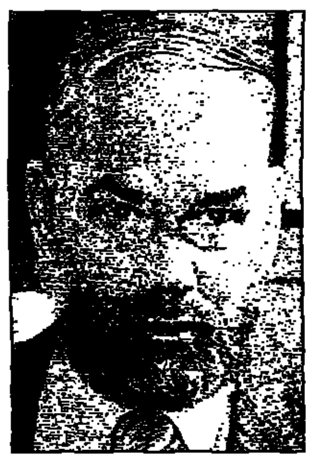
When she failed to return home, police assumed she must be with a boyfriend, but the Siddons family mounted their own search, speaking several times to the Brookes family who lived nearby, scouring woods and hedgerows, and broadcasting an appeal for information at a Derby County football match. Six days after the murder, the body was found in bushes by three boys looking for a stick to throw for their dog.

Within 48 hours, Brookes's timid stepson, Fitzroy, then 15, was arrested and charged. At first he confessed to killing his near-neighbour, but then claimed that his bullying stepfather instigated the killing and dealt the fatal blows before strangling her. The boy was acquitted by a jury in Nottingham after deliberations lasting 20 minutes. He said that his stepfather had a knife fixation, regularly stabbed pictures of women in men's magazines, and had threatened to murder his mother unless he lured Lynn into the woods.

Lynn Siddons with her grandmother, Florence

Mrs Siddons and her daughter, Gail Halford — who had Lynn at 16 — organised poster campaigns, marches to the local police station and a personal campaign against Brookes, who moved house to Peterborough and took on a different name to try to flee their attentions.

Attempts were made to have him charged, but the DPP refused to order a trial, on the grounds that Fitzroy was an accomplice and therefore potentially an unreliable witness, that Brookes's wife, Dot, could not be forced to give evidence against him and that other evidence was largely hearsay. Derbyshire police, who lost clothing and a knife found buried in the garden of his former home, accepted criticism of the way they handled the case.



Michael Brookes: he put blame on timid stepson

At times the family went beyond the law. In 1981, Lynn's aunt, Cynthia Smith, drove her car at Brookes and his wife in the street. She was convicted of reckless driving and fined £100.

The family kept the case in the headlines by lodging a claim for criminal compensation, which brought an offer of £27 from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. In 1984, Mrs Siddons lodged a complaint against Derbyshire police about their handling of the case, securing a investigation by the Merseyside Constabulary. This produced a two-part report recommending that an outside force should start a fresh murder enquiry, but Derbyshire refused to accept it.

The family wrote to newspapers and MPs, advertised for information and collected a petition with 6,000 signatures calling for the case to be reopened. Funds were partly raised by sponsored walks and bring-and-buy sales. Mrs Siddons called Brookes a murderer to his face in the street and at other times simply sat outside his house.

The campaign brought forward new witnesses who made statements after the civil case, alleging that Brookes had confided his involvement in the murder in a pub during his stepson's trial. After the High Court hearing, John Newing, Chief Constable of Derbyshire, said it did not reflect well on the investigation, which he admitted had been flawed.

He accepted that Michael Brookes, who was interviewed but released, should have been on the original charge sheet with his stepson. Police sources accept that they were too quickly convinced that Fitzroy Brookes was the sole perpetrator. Scene-of-crime searches were said not to have been as thorough as they should have been.

ADRIAN SHERRATT

The family who never gave up: from left, Gail Halford, Florence Siddons and Lynn's aunt, Cynthia Smith

Brookes was charged with murder in 1992. It took a further four years of legal argument — which went as far as the House of Lords — before he was brought to trial. A spokesman for the Crown Prosecution Service said yesterday: " The CPS realised from the start of this prosecution in 1992 that a number of legal and evidential challenges would have to be met. This has proved to be the case. Over the last four years, the CPS has kept the evidence under continuous review and has been satisfied that there was sufficient evidence for a realistic prospect of conviction and it was in the public interest to proceed."

Last night Mr Newing said: "I would like to pay tribute to Lynn's family. Her grandmother's courage and commitment have been remarkable. Without her it is unlikely this matter would have been brought before an Old Bailey jury. Justice has finally been done. The tragedy is that nothing is going to bring Lynn back."

Lawyers for Brookes said that they would appeal.

THE LONG STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE

April 3, 1978: Lynn Siddons stabbed and asphyxiated beside the Trent and Mersey Canal in Derbyshire.
April 9: Body found by boys looking for a stick to throw for their dog.
November 9: Fitzroy Brookes cleared by a jury of her murder.
November 10: Lynn's grandmother, Florence Siddons, pledges to find her killer.
June 1984: Mrs Siddons lodges complaint about Derbyshire police's handling of the murder inquiry, which is investigated by the Merseyside force.
June 1985: Derbyshire rejects Merseyside's recommendation for a fresh investigation by an outside force.
November 1989: High Court rules that family's civil action for damages cannot proceed because it is outside legal time limit.
November 26, 1990: Court of Appeal rules that the action can *go ahead*.
September 30, 1991: Mr Justice Rougier rules in the damages claim that Michael Brookes killed Lynn.
December 11: *The judge awards £10,000 damages against Brookes.*
September 26, 1995: Brookes is committed for trial.
June 21, 1996: His trial for murder begins at the Old Bailey.

Tabloids cleared of contempt in Knights coverage

By Frances Gibb
LEGAL CORRRESPONDENT

FIVE tabloid newspapers were cleared yesterday of prejudicing the trial of Geoffrey Knights, boyfriend of the *EastEnders* actress Gillian Taylforth, in a test case which has serious repercussions for the law of contempt.

Mr Knights's trial for assault was halted by the judge last year after reports in the *Daily Mail*, the *Daily Mirror*, *The Sun*, the *Daily Star* and *Today*. The newspapers had commented on his violent past, including assaults on Taylforth, who plays Kathy Mitchell in the television soap opera.

Lord Justice Schiemann and Mr Justice Smedley found that the stories were not prejudicial because Knights had been in the public eye for at least two years, with regular articles about his past including an assault on a policeman and another on a business partner.

Lord Justice Schiemann said that, despite some exaggeration in the coverage of the injuries inflicted by Mr Knights, "it is difficult to see how any one of the publications in April and May of 1995 created any greater risk of serious prejudice than that which had already been created".

The Attorney-General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, is expected to seek leave to challenge the decision in the House of Lords after being refused leave to appeal. Philip Havers, his counsel, said it set a dangerous precedent. Sir Nicholas brought the proceedings in a move to seek a clear definition of the increasingly blurred boundaries of the Contempt of Court Act 1981.

The judges ruled that in no individual case could a newspaper be found guilty of breaching the contempt laws. However, there can be prejudicial collective coverage, but the case highlighted the inadequacy of the law to tackle it.

Sir Nicholas has come under fire for not taking a robust enough line against newspapers and has faced judicial review proceedings for failure to act over press coverage. At the same time there has been increasing tension between the media's wish to publish and the law of contempt.

The proceedings against Mr Knight, who was charged with assaulting Miss Taylforth's driver, Martin Davies, as he helped her to move out of their home, cannot be reinstituted.

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Clive Anderson takes chat from Channel 4 to the BBC

By Carol Midgley

CLIVE ANDERSON has defected from Channel 4 to BBC1 to present a new chat show hailed as a "major coup" in the corporation's £162 million autumn ratings battle with ITV.

Hat Trick Productions has sold his show, which ran for five years on Channel 4 as *Clive Anderson Talks Back*, to the BBC for a reported £500,000. The new version, *Clive Anderson All Talk*, is likely to run on Sunday evenings from October directly after the BBC1's new £8 million drama *Rhodes* and its adaption of Anne Brontë's *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*.

Alan Yentob, the Controller of BBC1, said that Anderson's new format would retain many of the original features from his Channel 4 show but would have more surprises. "I think it's a coup for us because he is a great talent. I have always been a big fan of his and this is the kind of show he should be doing for the BBC, for a mass audience."

Anderson, who attended yesterday's launch, insisted there had been no ill feeling with Channel 4. He remains with the station in a new series of *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* and it is negotiating with him over other projects.

He said: "I hope they are not upset. It's not as though I have just done a show, been discovered then said, 'Thanks very much I'm running.' "

A Channel 4 spokesman said: "There is no bitterness, but it is difficult to see how the show can be much improved on."

Anderson's move to the BBC follows Channel 4's decision to drop Gaby Roslin's weekly chat show after bad reviews. Anderson said: "People have been saying that the chat show is a dead form, but I do what I do and, if people want to watch, that's great."

BBC1 is relying on the eight-part *Rhodes* to lead its autumn schedule, which features 85 hours of new drama and 24 fresh comedy and variety shows. ITV has also placed heavy emphasis on drama in its schedules, with productions of Jane Austen's *Emma* and Daniel Defoe's *Moll Flanders*.

☐ A record number of people tuned in for Linford Christie's ill-fated attempt to retain his Olympic gold medal in the 100 metres final on Sunday morning, the BBC said.

The 5.6 million viewers beat the previous highest for an early-morning broadcast: 4.2 million for *Children in Need* in 1992. Despite Christie's disqualification, three million were still watching at 2am.

Pigs fly home to save their bacon

By Nicholas Watt

A GROUP of little piggies went to market yesterday to compete against each other in a 100-metre hurdle race. Hoggwash — named after the Agriculture Minister — Desert Porkid, Richard Dunpiggy and Lester Piggitt were among those competing over five 12in hurdles at the Clogher Valley Agricultural Show in rural Co Tyrone.

Before the start of each race, the piglets, all less than eight weeks old, squealed as stewards ushered them into little cages. As they set off the theme tune from *Rocky* blared out of loudspeakers.

Lester Piggitt won the first race to the delight of punters who had hoped it would emulate its namesake. But there was an even greater cheer when Mary Porkers, the porcine version of Ulster's most distinguished Olympian, sailed past Linford Christie Bacon to take the fifth race. Walter Shortt, who organised the race, said: "The pigs really enjoyed themselves — they like getting out for a bit of sun."

The race organisers tried to ensure that the piglets were comfortable after protests from animal welfare groups. Electric fans cooled down them and an inspector from the Ulster Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals monitored the races.

Mr Shortt, who normally sells farm feed, trained the pigs for two days before the races. Asked the inevitable question, he said: "I really think pigs can fly. They were up in the air."

At the end of the races, the man from the Ulster Pork and Bacon Forum, which funded the race, made clear why the piglets had been put through their paces. Robert Overend, the forum's chairman, told the crowd: "These really are top-class, healthy pigs. So when you are next sitting down to Sunday lunch, I want you to think of eating pork and bacon."

Streaking ahead: one of the piglets leads the field

Richard Dunpiggy won the final of the competition last night. The piglets' biggest prize was a reprieve — for the time being, at least. Mr Shortt said that they would be used for breeding.

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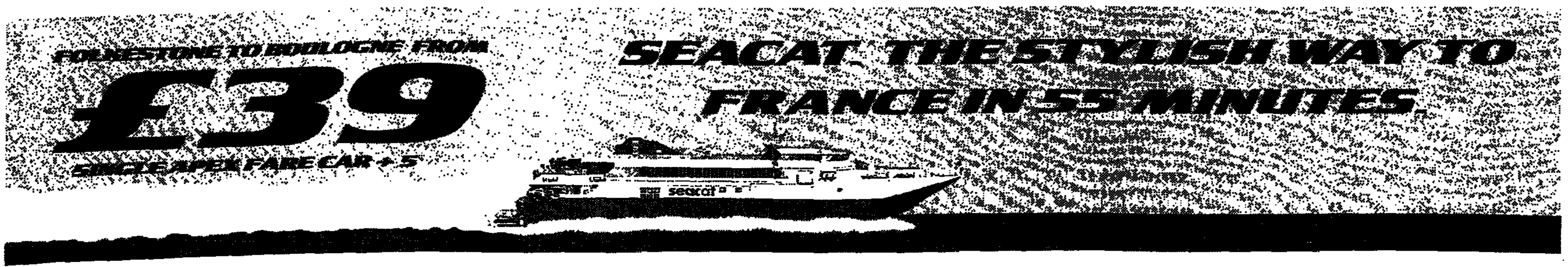

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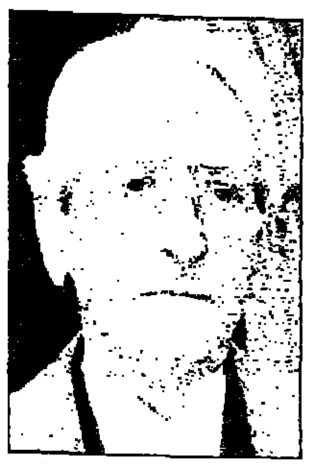

Carman: master fixer

Carman scores at cricket after last year's soccer own goal

By Frances Gibb
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

GEORGE CARMAN, QC, crowned his reputation as king of libel *yesterday when he pulled off victory* for Imran Khan in true master-fixer style. Lawyers had betted on a win for Botham and a loss for Mr Carman's *client, a view that hard*ened after the ninth day of the case when Imran withdrew his ball-tampering allegation and *apologised to the court.*

"Usually when that happens," one libel solicitor said, "it indicates *you are on the run." But true to* form, silver-tongued Mr Carman defied the odds and secured a win which was as much wanted by *himself as his client.*

Had he lost, his reputation might have looked just a touch dented. Though rarely on the losing side, it *was only last summer that he was* offered a taste of defeat at the hands of Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC, who defended Graham Souness in *his libel action against The People.*

That was last in people's minds, despite securing before that an *unrivalled list of triumphs, for* Elton John, Richard Branson, Jason Connery and Ken Dodd — to name a few. So the battle in court was just *as much a contest between the top* libel silks on each side — "Geurgeous" George, as he is known, and the smooth and bril*liant Charles Gray — as between the* cricketers.

Andrew Stephenson, of Peter Carter Ruck & Partners, said the *jury verdict confirmed* Mr Carman's standing at the libel bar. "Carman's presence before a jury *and his skills as an advocate were* never really in doubt and this verdict has underlined it."

Cross-examination and putting *over a point to the jury in a simple,* down-to-earth way, are his particular skills. But early on in the trial, it seemed as though Botham had out*bowled him when he fielded* Mr Carman's questions with wit and skill.

Mr Carman used his favoured *tactic however of effectively exploit*ing every weakness in his opponent's case — with Botham, all *aspects of his past life including sex* and drugs. Why, he asked Botham, had the cricketer not sued over allegations in the past in the News of the World? The paper, Botham said, was "at the end of the day only the News of the World".

Mr Carman challenged him further, insisting that the paper had a higher circulation than *India Today*, in which Botham alleged Imranhad libelled him. Not in India, Botham replied.

But last night Mr Carman's rather greater advocacy experie had clearly paid off. His costs v have totalled £500,000, even thou Imran will not recover the consid able part of the costs — perhap third — associated with the wi drawn allegation of tampering w the ball. Yesterday Imran said t the costs would bankrupted h bankrupt if he had lost.

Mr Carman's chambers had brief champagne celebration a then he went home. "It has been exhausting two weeks," one of clerks commented.

Defeated pair face another tour

Courtroom conflict that neither side thought of losing

By Ivo Tennant

IT SAYS much about the intractable natures of Imran Khan, Ian Botham and Allan Lamb that none of them began their High Court contretemps in a position which they could *afford to lose. They had never* contemplated defeat on the cricket field and they did not countenance it now. Only this time the man of the match award had different implications.

A fellow fast bowler once memorably declared that Imran was more interested in money than cricket — and more keen on women than either — but the reality for *Botham and Lamb is that they* came from a less affluent background. And their fathers-in-law do not have the resources of Sir James Goldsmith. They had a different upbringing.

One of the main grievances of Botham and Lamb was that they felt that the Oxford-educated Imran was looking down his aquiline nose at them. Not on the field of play, *where they rarely had the* better of each other, but off it. Ultimately we heard less of this in the High Court than of the complexities of ball-tampering. At the heart of the issue, though, were class, race and education.

Imran has long been rather sloppily described as having an aristocratic background. This is about as misleading as describing Tottenham Hotspur as the aristocrats of English football. His forebears were not landed gentry but Pathans who were tribesmen. They did not partake of afternoon *tea with one* another. The first cousins traditionally hate each other: Imran, indeed, has not been on speaking terms with Majid Khan, who was also a great cricketer, since 1982.

Imran's fiercely anti-colonial father, Ikramulla Niazi, was an engineer living in Zaman Park, a well-to-do suburb of Lahore. He owns 400 acres of sugar cane, wheat and *other crops, sited some dis*tance from the city. Imran says his father did not know about the major public schools in England, entrusting his son's education to the Royal Grammar School in Worcester, a city that Imran soon found to be thoroughly dull.

That Imran went to Oxford — he gained an A and a C in his A-levels and was turned down by Cambridge, Majid's *old university — owed much to* his tutor at Keble College, Dr Paul Hayes, having a keen interest in admitting sportsmen. It was not, however, until after Imran had left with a second-class grade for politics and a third for economics, and had gained renown as a cricketer, that he began to socialise extensively in London. Good-looking and, by 1982, captain of his country, he realised that he was often invited to parties to be displayed as a kind of trophy.

It is quite evident from Imran's choice of friends just *which circles he likes to mix* in. Oliver Gilmour, Lord Gilmour's son, Susannah Constantine, former girlfriend of Viscount Linley, and Mark Shand, brother of Camilla Parker-Bowles and best man at his wedding to Jemima Goldsmith, are but three examples. He has never dined alone with an English cricketer and abhors pubs. He could scarcely be more removed in *such tastes from Botham and* Lamb, who like nothing better than a drink with their teammates at close of play.

As to his personal finances, Imran owns a flat in South Kensington and lives with his wife on the top floor of his father's house when in Pakistan. He has a modest income from journalism. His time in Lahore is spent at the cancer hospital he founded in honour *of his mother, to which he has* given about £200,000. He is also looking to further his political ambitions.

For Imran, there was the apparent safety net of the Goldsmith millions. Botham and Lamb will now have to rely on making money from articles for the tabloid press, books and tours of their two-man talk show.

Ian Botham, left, and Allan Lamb: race, class and education were at the heart of their ill-fated legal action against Imran Khan

Wife who could win Imran a bigger victory

By Joanna Bale

IMRAN KHAN paid tribute last night to his wife, who is expecting a baby, for her unstinting support throughout his 13-day libel hearing. Standing outside the High Court, he said: "I'm really happy with the way Jemima took this in her state because there was a tremendous amount of pressure on her."

A Pakistani journalist had even more praise: "She won it for Imran and she will probably win the election for him too in Pakistan, despite being English. She has embraced Islam and *will make a wonderful First Lady.* This has been her finest hour so far."

The 22-year-old daughter of the businessman Sir James Goldsmith had been a constant presence by the side of the former Pakistan cricket captain, now an aspiring politician, often holding his hand and whispering words of encouragement.

Demure in traditional Muslim dress, she often took notes and consulted with lawyers on behalf of her husband throughout the hearing. At one point, she was heard berating *Imran in a corridor outside* Court 13 after he admitted that he could not justify accusing Botham of ball-tampering and apologised to the former England captain during cross-questioning by Botham's QC, Charles Gray. In court, her whispering sometimes met with a fierce "Sssh" from her husband.

As the jury returned its verdict yesterday, the couple sat close together holding hands, apparently awaiting the worst. When the foreman told the court that they had found for the *defendant, Imran and his wife looked* as if they could hardly believe it. Imran looked stunned. It was only when his wife, swathed in a long purple dress, smiled at her husband and whispered "We've done it" that he began to beam.

The costs settled, the court rose, and Imran and his wife turned to congratulate their legal team. Botham and his co-plaintiff, Allan Lamb, and their wives sat in silence.

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Jet case verdict is hard to understand, says minister

By Kate Alderson

A MINISTER is seeking urgent talks with the Home Office and the Attorney-General after a jury in Liverpool cleared a group of women of causing £1.5 million damage to a British Aerospace Hawk jet destined for Indonesia.

Michael Jack, a Treasury Minister and MP for Fylde, *Lancashire, said yesterday:* "I, and I am sure many others, find this jury's decision difficult to understand. It would appear there is little question about who did this damage. For whatever reason that damage was done. It was just plain wrong.

"The ramifications of the case are, however, very important in terms of future security, jobs and the question of *being able to do damage and* getting off with it."

On Tuesday, the jury at Liverpool Crown Court cleared Lotta Kronlid, 28, Andrea Needham, 30, and Joanna Wilson, 33, of causing criminal damage to the jet at a BAe factory at Warton, near *Preston, in January.* They and a fourth defendant, Angela Zelter, 45, were cleared of conspiring to damage the jet.

The women admitted *in* court to breaking into a hangar and using hammers to damage the £10 million plane. They pleaded not guilty to the charges, however, claiming their actions were justified. The jury accepted the womens' claim that they had a lawful excuse to damage the aircraft because they were using rea*sonable force to prevent* a greater crime. They said that by disarming the jet, one of a consignment of 24 bought by Indonesia, it could not be used in the crime of genocide against the civilian population in East Timor.

BAe later announced that it had served injunctions on the women to "prevent further interference with its business". However, at a news confer*ence yesterday, the four* women said hundreds of people, including themselves, would launch a private prosecution against BAe for aiding and abetting murder in East Timor.

The four women belong to a group called Seeds of Hope — East Timor Ploughshare, whose aim is to follow the biblical injunction to "beat swords into ploughshares". *Ploughshare disarms* weapons by peaceful means and takes responsibility for its actions by owning up to them. There have been 58 "Ploughshare" acts internationally since 1980; this was the third of *its kind in Britain.*

The focus of the womens' campaign is the £500 million arms contract Britain signed with the Indonesian Government in 1993 involving the sale of 24 Hawk jets.

Ms Wilson, 33, said their decision to break into the BAe hangar was a last resort. She said campaigners had written to the police and the Government, asking them to prosecute BAe under the Genocide Act. They had held protests and presented evidence that the Hawks were being used in *East Timor and export guide*lines were being breached.

British Aerospace said on Tuesday that it operated in accordance with export licences granted by the Government. The company said in a statement: "In addition, BAe has no evidence that Hawk aircraft are being used in a manner contrary to assurances provided by the Indonesian Government to the British Government."

Missing link in flying history

By Nigel Hawkes
SCIENCE EDITOR

A FOSSIL of the first bird with variable-geometry wings, which lived 125 milion *years ago, has been discov*ered in central Spain, filling a gap in the evolution of flight.

Like aircraft and its modern *counterparts, the bird,* which was about the size of a goldfinch, had a flap called an alula in the leading edge of its wings. At slow speeds, the alula opens to create a "slot" through which the air flows to prevent stalling.

This means that the bird, named *Eoalulavis hoyasi* by its Spanish and American discoverers, could control itself precisely and accurately at low speeds, coming in to land on the branch of a tree. The ancestor of all birds, *Archaeopteryx*, lacked this ability and was probably forced to make running landings on the ground.

The perfectly preserved fossil of the newly discovered bird was found in the Las Hoyas deposits at La Cierva in Cuenca province, which lies to the east of Madrid. It is described in today's issue of *Nature* by the team which discovered it, led by Dr José Sanz of the Autonomous University of Madrid. The fossil is so perfect that the feathers and the contents of the bird's stomach, including particles from the shells of crustaceans, can be seen.

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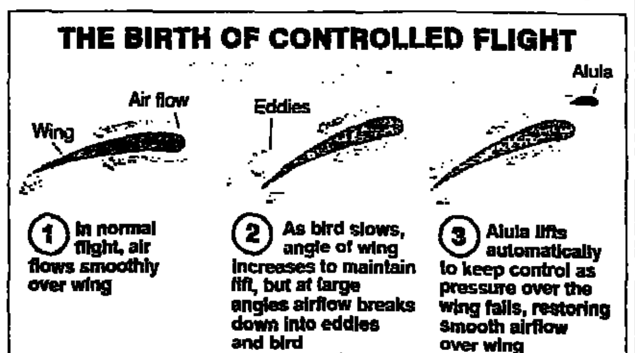

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③ Alula lifts automatically to keep control as pressure over the wing falls, restoring smooth airflow over wing

New HIV strain poses threat in Britain

By Nigel Hawkes
SCIENCE EDITOR

A STRAIN of the virus linked to Aids that may spread *rapidly among heterosexuals* has established itself in Britain.

The Public Health Laboratory Service has identified 60 men and 12 women it believes may be carrying a strain of the virus known as HIV-1 subtype E. This strain is responsible for a major epidemic among heterosexuals in Asia, where four million people are believed to have been infected with it over the past five years. The main source of the subtype is Thailand, where it has spread at enormous *speed.*

Last year a leading American Aids specialist, Dr Max Essex of the Harvard School of Public Health, gave a warning that the arrival of subtype E in the West could lead to a far more significant epidemic among heterosexuals than experienced so far. His experiments show that the subtype flourishes more readily in the cells that line the *vagina, which may explain* why it is easily spread by heterosexual intercourse.

Dr Barry Evans, an epidemiologist at the laboratory, says that experience in Belgium provides some reassurance. Studies have shown that all subtypes of HIV are present there, including E, but that a major heterosexual epidemic has not emerged.

"I wouldn't say this is completely reassuring," he said, "because of the test-tube experiments which suggest that subtype E may be more easily *spread heterosexually.* What we don't know is whether there are other factors that have affected the issue in Thailand."

CORRECTION

Mr Dennis McIntyre is director of the annual Bram Stoker summer school (report, July 3). Mr Leslie Shepard is chairman of the Bram Stoker Society in Ireland.

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Former Sports Minister stands to become fourth baron after 'very unhappy chapter'

Judge throws out boys' claims to Moynihan title

By Kathryn Knight

THE "disreputable" life of the late Lord Moynihan was laid bare at the High Court yesterday in a judgment that crushed the claims of two women that their sons were heirs to his title. It cleared the way for his half-brother, the former Sports Minister Colin Moynihan, to inherit the title.

Sir Stephen Brown ruled that Lord Moynihan's divorce from his fourth wife, Editha, in 1990 was null and void. Lord Moynihan had even faked the death of her son, Andrew, as part of a "clear, deliberate and sustained deception" to hurry through his divorce so that he could marry again. A DNA test showed that Andrew was not Lord Moynihan's son.

The ruling renders his subsequent marriage to Jinna Santiago invalid and means their son, Daniel, is illegitimate and unable to inherit. Jinna wept as Sir Stephen concluded that both Andrew and Daniel had been victims of "wicked selfishness".

The death of Anthony Patrick Andrew Cairnes Berkley Moynihan in 1991 from a brain haemorrhage, aged 61, left a complex web of forged identities, bigamous marriages and fake documention. Sir Stephen's 55-page judgment attempted to clear up the tangle of "lies and deceit" that surrounded the peer's marital affairs, but he admitted there were many questions raised by the case that he could not answer. "Speculation was rife and will continue."

What was clear was that Lord Moynihan's divorce from Editha, granted by Tunbridge Wells County Court in 1990, was obtained fraudulently. Lord Moynihan had deceived his own brother-in-law, the theatrical agent Charles Vance, who acted for him in the divorce, and duped an honest and conscientious solicitor, Christopher Russell.

The peer, who had taken up residence in the Philippines in 1970 after a fleeing a string of fraud charges in England, married 20-year-old Editha Ruben in Manila in February 1981. Eight years later, in March 1990, he filed a petition for divorce in England via Mr Russell.

Colin Moynihan with his wife Gaynor-Louise

He described himself on the petition as a "retired gentleman", gave his main place of residence as England and the address of his wife, who had moved out, as his own address so that any correspondence to her from the court could be intercepted. When the court received the divorce papers from Editha, questions were answered using a typewriter and only her signature was handwritten. Experts had found that they were almost certainly forgeries.

When Lord Moynihan was told that he would have to attend a divorce hearing with his wife to explain their provisions for Andrew, he faked the boy's death to hurry proceedings along. A notice of Andrew's death appeared in *The Times* on June 6, 1990. It read: On 24th May, in the Phillipines, Andrew, the infant son and heir of Anthony, 3rd Baron Moynihan of Leeds, aged 15 months. The decree nisi was granted and, in December 1990, he married Jinna, who gave birth to Daniel in January 1991.

The judge said that Editha was astonished to find she had apparently been divorced, and even more astonished to hear about the untimely death of her son.

"A considerable number of lies and half-truths had been told," Sir Stephen said. "I have not referred in detail to all the suspicious and questionable moves which were made in order to achieve and pursue this divorce hearing. However I find that there was a clear deliberate and sustained deception of the court by Lord Moynihan."

The estimated £500,000 costs of the case are to be found from Lord Moynihan's estate. The question of the title, along with a £3,500 annual income, is likely to go before the Privileges Committee of the House of Lords and be settled in the next few months.

Outside the court, Colin Moynihan said the judgment made it more likely that he would inherit the title and he hoped that the issue would soon be conclusively settled so that he could get on with his political career. "This bizarre tale of deception and intrigue is the end of another stage of a very unhappy chapter in the Moynihan family."

Editha, who can now go ahead with her claim to inherit the peer's multimillion-pound massage parlour business in the Philippines, said that she deserved to inherit the estate in Manila. "It is only just and right. I have been treated very badly up until now. I have been called many names — a gold-digger — but I shall be getting what I worked for. I was the one who made it in the first place, not him."

Before he married Editha, Lord Moynihan had been married three times, to an actress, a belly dancer and a brothel owner. When he fled England for the Philippines in 1969, he faced 57 charges of fraudulent trading and false pretences.

His business affairs were as complex as his marital ones. The 1970s and 1980s took him from the narcotics trade to prostition and fraud. At one stage he ran a brothel within 100 yards of the British Ambassador's residence.

He always considered himself the quintessential English peer. Mr Russell told the court that he saw himself as "the typical English gentleman". His epitaph is more likely to lie in the words of Sir Stephen, who described him as a "thoroughly dishonest rogue".

Editha Moynihan: will claim Manila estate

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Jinna Santiago and her son Daniel. Her marriage to Lord Moynihan was invalid

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Author arrested over SAS claims

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

A BESTSELLING author who says that he was part of an SAS death squad in Northern Ireland in the 1970s was arrested by the Royal Ulster Constabulary yesterday and held for questioning about claims made in his book.

The author, who used the pseudonym Paul Bruce when he wrote *The Nemesis File*, published last autumn, said that the squad killed more than 30 men between 1971 and 1972. He said that the bodies had been buried in deep woodland graves and that the first victims were unarmed IRA suspects.

Yesterday he was arrested at dawn at his flat in the West Country by RUC officers. John Blake, publisher of *The Nemesis File*, said that he was detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act and flown from Heathrow to Belfast.

The publisher also said that the officers seized the manuscript of the paperback edition of the book, which is coming out in September. It has a new chapter which includes an interview with a former army intelligence officer, Captain Fred Holroyd. Mr Holroyd has made many allegations in the past about covert activities by the British authorities in Ulster.

Yesterday a spokesman for the RUC confirmed the arrest. He would not confirm the real name of the author.

The RUC denied a claim by Mr Blake that the author had previously volunteered to help the force, which has been investigating the allegations in the book since it was published last year.

Mr Blake denounced the arrest as melodramatic. "He was always available for the RUC but they never took up the offer, yet now they enter his flat when he's asleep and arrest him."

He said that the book had sold nearly 100,000 copies and was in the top ten bestsellers for more than three months. When it was published, the allegations about the killings were dismissed by the Ministry of Defence and were treated sceptically by the RUC.

Republican sources in Northern Ireland cast doubt on the claims, suggesting that the disappearance of 30 men, many of them alleged IRA suspects, would not have gone unnoticed. However, Mr Blake and his author continued to vouch for the book's authencity and expect the paperback version to renew the controversy.

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Villiers daughter wins court battle with Rolls-Royce

Judge Prosser, a Bentley owner, after inspecting the disputed Rolls-Royce outside the High Court during the early stages of the case

By Robin Young

THE blind daughter of a renowned car engineer won damages of £160,000 against Rolls-Royce yesterday in a legal action begun by her late father.

Janie Villiers successfully concluded an action for breach of contract started by Amherst Villiers in 1991. Mr Villiers fell down stairs at his home after the third day of the original trial and died of cancer before his cross-examination could be completed.

The dispute concerned Rolls-Royce's failure to realise his dream of transforming a 1937 Phantom III into "the most fabulous Rolls-Royce", a turbo-charged "super-Rolls" dedicated to the memory of his friend, Sir Henry Royce.

Although the company agreed to do the work on the car, it was never completed. Yesterday in the High Court Judge Prosser, QC, said that Rolls-Royce could have settled Mr Villiers's subsequent legal action at any time, but had chosen instead to "brazen it out and fight tooth and nail".

Counsel for Miss Villiers told the court that it was a David versus Goliath case "in which the company behaved with utter arrogance against a sick old man who was dying".

Mr Villiers, who developed Sir Malcolm Campbell's land-speed record-winning *Bluebird*, powered racing cars for Graham Hill and contributed to American space research, attracted Royce's attention when he supercharged a Phantom I in 1926. He subsequently established an international reputation as "Mr Supercharger", but was in his eighties when he conceived the idea of supercharging the Phantom III.

Delivering judgment yesterday after a 15-day hearing, Judge Prosser said that Richard Perry, former chairman and chief executive of Rolls-Royce, had agreed that Rolls-Royce would complete the work to *concours* condition and deliver the car "in perfect working order, free of charge" in return for the right to use it for publicity. But when Mr Villiers sought to have the work completed he was told that he would have to pay for it himself.

The judge, who disclosed during the hearing that he was a Bentley owner, said his inspection of the car had convinced him that much of the work Rolls-Royce had carried out was "well below standard". Mr Villiers had taken him for a drive in it.

Rivets could be seen through the paintwork and chromium, the pramirons had been put on the wrong way round and the trim was substandard throughout. He found that the steering box made a "horrible noise" when turning from left to right and the turbochargers that were the principle object of the exercise had never been fitted.

The judge cited letters and memorandums in which Rolls-Royce executives wrote of trying to make the car "reasonably roadworthy" or "a runner". He said that he found such comments difficult to believe.

He said that the project to turbocharge the Phantom III was doomed once Michael Dunn was appointed head of engineering at Rolls-Royce. Mr Dunn had regarded Mr Villiers as "a devious and difficult old man who would go to any lengths to get his own way" and did not believe the project could be of any value to Rolls-Royce.

The judge, however, said he had liked Mr Villiers and found him charming. Fixing the amount of damages, he said he could not assume that the car would have been sold at the top of the market for £500,000, but he accepted that before and after the market peak it might have fetched £200,000. From that he deducted £40,000, which might be the present value.

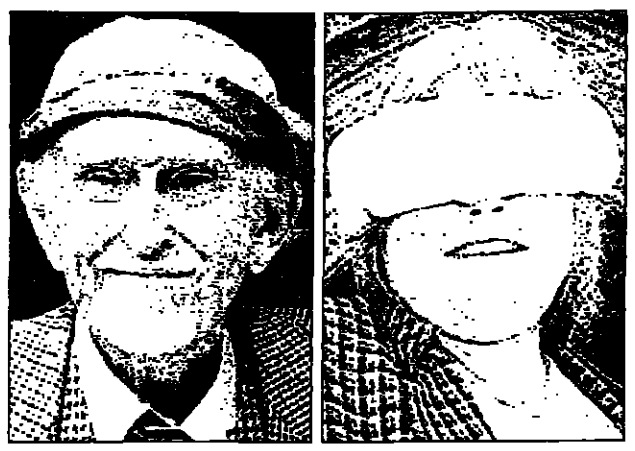
He said that he would not award additional damages because Mr Villiers had been deprived of enjoyment of the car. Mr Villiers, however, was "a legend in his own liftetime" who took joy in his efforts to "move the frontiers of mechanical power ever forward".

Judge Prosser awarded the bulk of costs, estimated at £500,000, against the company, and those incurred since the start of the trial on an indemnity basis, which signals disapproval of the defence. He said: "The company conducted its defence in an uninhibited way. I do not wish to use emotive words, but the case could have been settled at any time. Instead they brazened it out and fought tooth and nail."

Peter Irvin, for Miss Villiers, asked for interest on the damages from the beginning of 1988, when Mr Villiers might have been expected to sell the car. He said: "This was a David versus Goliath case in which the company behaved with utter arrogance against a sick old man who was dying and actually died, and a daughter who is herself unwell."

The judge allowed interest for 3½ years, saying that some of the delays in the case were the plaintiff's fault. Michael Silverleaf, QC, for Roll-Royce, said the company might appeal.

Miss Villiers said: "I will consider appealing too. The car should have been worth £500,000. Rolls-Royce betrayed my father ... The shoddy way in which they dishonoured their contract proved what he said about them. He told me: 'The pin-striped cowboys have got under the wire at Crewe', and he was right."



Amherst Villiers and his daughter, Janie

Testosterone patches offered on NHS

By Dominic Kennedy

A TESTOSTERONE patch to restore libido and sexual performance becomes available on the National Health Service today despite fears that middle-aged men will demand it as a rejuvenation therapy.

The two-inch patch is designed to treat hypogonadism, which reduces production of sex hormones and afflicts 115,000 men in the United Kingdom, causing impotence, loss of sex drive, fatigue, muscle weakness and depression. Richard Foulds, medical director of SmithKline Beecham, which created the Andropatch, said that it should be used only for the correct medical purpose. Excessive testosterone has been linked to cancer and heart disease.

Two patches, attached to the skin nightly, mimic the natural pattern of testosterone release in the bloodstream. The treatment costs £1.60 a day.

Patches have already been used to treat cigarette addiction and travel sickness. Experts emphasise that the new patches are not an aphrodisiac and cannot cure men whose hormone levels are normal but who may suffer impotence from other causes. "Sexual problems, stress, tiredness or marital disharmony are more commonly the main culprits," said Ian Banks, a general practitioner. Other men, aged 45 to 55, ask their GPs for testosterone to treat the "mid-life crisis" or andropause.

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Psychopath stabbed landlady to death

A PSYCHOPATH who killed his landlady, the estranged wife of an eminent cancer scientist, was ordered to be detained indefinitely at a top security hospital yesterday.

Seven weeks after moving into Janice Symons's home in Leicester, Richard Burton, 32, stabbed her to death. When detectives asked why he had killed her, he said: "I don't know why, I just did."

Mr Justice Turner told Leicester Crown Court that Burton was a danger to the public and was likely to kill again if he was at large. He ordered his detention at Rampton hospital.

Mrs Symons, 59, had been forced to take in lodgers to make ends meet when her husband Martyn, 69, a professor at Leicester University and a transvestite, left her after an affair with a post-graduate student.

The court was told that on May 11, 1995, Burton got up, fetched a knife from the kitchen and then sat on the stairs asking himself whether he should stab Mrs Symons: "Do I or don't I?"

He followed her around the house for a while before attacking her. He struck her on the head with a pestle and ignored her when she begged him not to kill her. As she struggled to escape, he stabbed her three times.

Burton, who worked at Leicester University, admitted manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility after specialists agreed he had a severe psychopathic personality disorder.

After the sentence, Leicester Health Authority announced an independent inquiry into the case. The authority disclosed that Burton had been a "user of mental health services" in Leicester but declined to give details about the nature or length of his treatment.

P is for passé as August car sales run out of road

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Editor

THOUSANDS of motorists who drive out of showrooms today in cars sporting the new P plate could be the last buyers in the annual August registration bonanza.

More than 490,000 cars — nearly a quarter of all new vehicle sales this year — are expected to be bought this month, but the Government is ready to end the system at the insistence of the motor industry. The Department of Transport will issue a consultative document on its proposed changes within the next few weeks.

The industry wants a new system of quarterly registration letter changes, which could be in place by the end of this year, and would mean a new registration plate issued from January 1, followed by another in May, then July and September. However, a range of alternatives exist, including new plates which give more details of towns or counties, or even a form of personal plate, so each driver would be issued with a registration number with their licence and would carry it on to each car they owned.

Whatever the decision, the August boom is doomed. Dealers have had to carry three times more stock than usual over the past few weeks, hiring yards and fields to park new cars. While the one-month sale will be worth around £5.4 billion over four weeks, the extra effort of storage, coping with documentation and preparing vehicles is thought to cost more than £1 billion.

Ernie Thompson, chief executive of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said: "This is the age of highly efficient manufacturing and highly efficient distribution, yet we are the only country where all these sales are compressed into just four weeks."

The year-letter registration was introduced to mark cars which were ready for MoT tests, and the letter was to change each January. Dealers complained that the system created a blip at a time when they could already sell cars and convinced the Government to move it to August, traditionally the quietest sales month.

In 1967, when the change was introduced, August accounted for fewer than 10 per cent of sales: now the month takes a quarter of the annual total.

Dealers say the annual change involves extra costs

Homes on toxic site will have new garden

THOUSANDS of tons of soil are to be cleared from private gardens to protect children from lead pollution, after high toxic levels were found under 150 homes built on a disused rubbish tip.

The £1.3 million clean-up ordered by Oxford City Council follows a three-month investigation at Bertie Place and Abingdon Road, where workmen testing for subsidence found high levels of lead, arsenic and mercury.

Residents complained of nervous disorders, headaches, numbness and loss of appetite after being told that their 1930s homes were built on a tip. They were told to stop eating home-grown vegetables. Public health officials and experts from the National Environmental Technology Centre carried out tests on families.

It was concluded that the lead could affect the developing nervous system of young children if the soil was swallowed from dirty hands, but the mercury and arsenic were not believed to be a health risk to adults or children.

In a six-month operation, soil will now be removed from front and rear gardens and replaced with clean earth. Where all the soil cannot be removed because it is too close to foundations, it will be covered by patios and hardstanding.

A children's play area and recreation ground will be specially treated and doctors will continue to monitor residents' health. Richard Peacock, the housing director, said: "The results were not as bad as we first thought. We are seeking funding from the Government for the work."

Dr Dick Mayon White, a public health consultant, said: "No one has been found with any poisoning that requires treatment."

Brent seeks to cast off its barmy name

By Ian Murray
Community Correspondent

A COUNCIL that became synonymous with the "loony left" and corruption is considering changing its name to escape its image.

The London Borough of Brent is to poll residents and local businesses to find out if they want it to become known as the London Borough of Wembley and Willesden. Brent was created in 1965 by merging the two old authorities' areas. Council members have voted narrowly to pay for the poll as part of a consultation process "to do everything possible to shed its barmy image".

The motion was put forward by Paul Lorber, leader of the Liberal Democrat group, and won support from Labour and one of the Conservative members on the hung council. "During the Eighties under Labour we became known as 'barmy Brent' and under the Tories we became known as Bent Council," Mr Lorber said yesterday. "That kind of thing is unhelpful in our efforts to attract investment to the borough at a time when authorities are having to compete against each other.

"The tags are unjustified but people remember them. If we change the name to link the borough with Wembley stadium, which has a worldwide reputation for excellence, it will change our image. If Wembley wins the competition to become the site for the new national stadium, it will be a golden opportunity that we should not miss."

The Conservative group, which controlled the borough for four years until last April, says the name change is nothing but a political gimmick. The group is to seek a judicial review of the decision to investigate the idea. "The consultation process will cost £100,000 which we cannot afford," said Reg Colwill, the group's leader.

"If it went ahead it would cost at least £1 million in changing road signs, letter heads and that sort of thing. Council tax would have to go up by £11 a head just to pay for it."

Sir Rhodes Boyson, the Tory MP for Brent North — the Wembley area — said he liked the idea of reverting to the old names, but only if it meant splitting the borough into two authorities. "If this is a stepping stone to getting smaller authorities I am all for it," he said. "If it's just a publicity gimmick, it's a waste of money."

Ken Livingstone, Labour MP for Brent East, agreed that the authority should be split along the pre-1965 lines. "But if local people want a new name, that has to be up to them," he said.

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Bottomley fends off demands for regulator's resignation after Commons criticism

Lottery watchdog 'made errors of judgment'

By Philip Webster and Jon Ashworth

THE National Heritage Secretary was standing by the National Lottery regulator last night after a Commons committee accused him of "serious errors of judgment".

Virginia Bottomley tried to head off fresh demands for the resignation of Peter Davis after the Public Accounts Committee criticised him for taking free flights in the United States two years ago on the corporate aircraft of GTech, which has a big stake in the lottery operator Camelot. Mrs Bottomley, who allowed Mr Davis to remain after the allegations surfaced in December, repeated that, although he had been unwise to take the flights and accept hospitality from a New York businessmen linked to GTech, he retained her confidence as an effective regulator.

Last night one of the committee's members, Alan Williams, Labour MP for Swansea West, said that Mr Davis should go, to restore public confidence in the position. "I am not accusing him of dishonesty or impropriety, but of a serious lack of judgment. He admitted to us that he had been told to be careful about taking any hospitality from the companies involved here, and yet he chose to ignore that advice."

Mr Williams said that, in a closed session of the committee, Mr Davis had admitted that he was well aware of the question marks over GTech's reputation. Mr Williams said: "I told him that if he had said that in open session, the press would have buried him."

Jack Cunningham, the Shadow National Heritage Secretary, supported the committee's conclusions. Labour has pledged "far-reaching" changes to the duties of the lottery regulator if it wins power.

Robert Maclennan, the Liberal Democrat heritage spokesman, called for a fresh appraisal of Camelot's profits in the light of the committee's findings that sales to the end of September 1995 were 70 per cent higher than forecast in its initial application.

The committee criticised Mr Davis's decision to accept hospitality from Carl Menges, a Wall Street financier and GTech director, during a private visit to his home in October 1994. The MPs recognised that the friendship between the two men's wives had pre-dated the creation of the lottery. But they said: "We regard it as of vital importance that the director-general should be seen by the public to be completely impartial and at arm's length from the lottery operator, its shareholders and those with financial interests in them."

Branson: said profits would go to charity

The MPs were "unimpressed" by Mr Davis's argument that he had accepted the free flights only after he had announced his decision to award the licence to Camelot. "In our view, the director-general's decisions to use GTech corporate aircraft represented serious errors of judgment," the report said.

MPs criticised the way Mr Davis handled a complaint by Rainbow UK, which had originally pitched for the scratchcard licence. They were "concerned" that Mr Davis had not investigated the Rainbow allegations more thoroughly. Richard Wheatly, the former advertising executive who led the Rainbow bid, said Mr Davis had not been prepared to consider his rival scratch-card proposals.

The committee did not directly criticise Mr Davis's decision to award the lottery franchise to Camelot. The report noted that he selected Camelot because it was estimated that the company would contribute the most to the good causes. Mr Davis pointed out that, under the terms of the Act setting up the lottery, he had been unable to take into account the offer made by Mr Branson that his company UK Lotteries would donate all its profits to charity.

Mr Branson said yesterday that Mr Davis could and should have taken his offer into account. He said: "Market research showed more people would have played the lottery as a result and, therefore, not only would the charities have benefited more, but so would the Government's good causes fund."

Mr Davis, who is on holiday, could not be reached for comment. Camelot said the report highlighted its success in contributing more to good causes than any other candidate for the lottery licence.

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GILL ALLEN

Peter Davis accepted free flights from GTech, which has a stake in Camelot

Millions in legal aid paid after lax checks

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

MILLIONS of pounds of taxpayers' money is being paid out in legal aid for criminal cases without proper checks, the National Audit Office said yesterday.

In its latest critical report on the granting of legal aid, the Office — the watchdog of Whitehall spending — found that in 40 per cent of cases where free legal aid was granted, court staff did not obtain proper evidence that the defendant was entitled to receive it.

Criminal legal aid, which is granted by magistrates' courts, cost £469 million in 1994-95. To qualify, a person must pass a means test and satisfy the court that it is in the interests of justice that they should have legal representation. Some 70 per cent of applicants are entitled to free legal aid (without the need to pay a contribution) because they receive income support, family credit or disability working allowance.

The office found that although courts obtained some evidence that the applicant was receiving another benefit in 91 per cent of cases, it was adequate to confirm entitlement in only 54 per cent.

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MPs attack Birt's secretive reform of World Service

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

BBC chiefs were accused by MPs yesterday of adopting a "cavalier attitude" to restructuring changes which staff fear will threaten the future of the World Service.

In a report strongly critical of John Birt, the BBC Director-General, the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee concluded: "The manner in which these proposals appear to have been conceived, in some secrecy, and the apparent lack of consultation, is, in our opinion, regrettable, as it may have exacerbated staff opposition to the changes."

The report, brought out only two weeks after Mr Birt's troubled appearance before the committee when one MP accused him of acting like a tsar, sharply criticised him for failing to consult both the Foreign Office and the World Service itself about the changes. It called for a period of "detailed and open-minded consultation" between the Foreign Office, MPs, staff and management in order to analyse the impact of the changes.

It also proposed a new investigation by the National Audit Office into the expenditure of the World Service and its costs and benefits to the United Kingdom.

"We consider it a fundamental obligation of both the British Government and the BBC to ensure the World Service's international primacy is maintained," the report said.

In June, the BBC announced wide-ranging restructuring to sever production from commissioning and scheduling in radio and television. The plan — agreed by Mr Birt, BBC chairman Sir Christopher Bland and the Board of Governors — means the World Service will commission its English language programmes, about 20 per cent of its output, from BBC Production or independent producers, and its news from BBC News. Some staff campaigned against the changes.

The committee said that it will seek regular progress reports from Mr Birt. "We are concerned to ensure that the unique quality of the BBC World Service is not lost in a vast new superstructure within which its needs and priorities are overlooked, or even disregarded."

The BBC welcomed the committee's endorsement of the World Service as a national asset and said Mr Birt and the Governors had repeatedly made clear their "absolute commitment" to it. The service retained its editorial and commissioning roles, and news programmes in English and other languages would be made by a "dedicated and integrated team" which would stay at Bush House until at least April 1998.

Labour is preparing to avoid conflict of 1970s

By Philip Webster

REFORMS to the Labour Party structure to prevent a Blair government being undermined by internal conflict with activists were put to the leadership yesterday.

When Labour was last in Government its ruling body, the National Executive Committee, was frequently a source of tension. In the late 1970s the Bennite Left took control of the NEC and forced through changes such as the reselection of MPs.

Now Tom Sawyer, Labour's general secretary, has tabled plans to enable the NEC to develop a role that is "neither a pressure group on the government nor an alternative centre of power".

His *Party in Power* report says that he wants to encourage a new culture that "encourages democratic working through openness, and which turns the local party outward into its community" at constituency level. It questions whether the Labour leader and members of the Shadow Cabinet should sit on the NEC. The paper also canvasses the idea of widening the representation on the NEC to include regional and local government. Although it does not say as much, the implication is that the number of trade union members would fall.

Sawyer: new culture

The party is almost certain to adopt new ideas from Mr Sawyer to reduce confrontation at the annual conference. One plan is that the traditional session of compositing motions on the eve of the conference should be brought forward to achieve a "non-adversarial policy dialogue".

Marjorie Mowlam, an NEC member, said: "Previous Labour Governments have argued with the NEC and it's been unproductive . . . We've been out for a long time. We've got to be ready to take power."

Labour benefactor, page 15

Red alert to save native squirrel from extinction

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

A LAST-DITCH attempt to save the native red squirrel from extinction in England and Wales was launched yesterday. Researchers gave it ten years unless urgent action was taken to defend it against its alien grey cousin.

Landowners, conservationists, government agencies and foresters are joining forces to put pressure on the advancing grey squirrels, which now number more than two million, and to boost numbers of red squirrels across the British Isles. More than £200,000 is being spent initially, with further funding coming from NPI, the pensions company.

Action plans are being drawn up for areas where red squirrels, estimated to number 160,000, survive. They include large areas of Scotland and pockets in England and Wales. Strategies developed after decades of research will be tailored for each area and will concentrate on providing food for red squirrels while shooting and poisoning grey squirrels using specially designed Warfarin-laced hoppers. A contraceptive drug to be put into grey squirrels' food is also being studied.

Foresters are being encouraged to take up the new Biodiversity Woodland Improvement Grants, which pay them to manage forests that encourage red squirrels and discourage grey squirrels.

The campaign will, it is hoped, end the fragmented attempts to save the red squirrel and orchestrate the drive on a national basis. Dr Pat Morris, an expert at the Mammal Society, said it was also vital to make sure that all government departments worked in harmony so that conservation efforts were not undermined.

He said that even in areas such as the Isle of Wight and Formby in Lancashire, where red squirrels are clinging on, there was an increased likelihood of incursion by grey squirrels. On the Isle of Wight, where red squirrels have survived through isolation, a bridge to the mainland is proposed. In Formby, there are plans to plant a community forest of broad-leaved trees right up to the colony's edges. Research shows that deciduous trees act as bridgeheads for grey squirrels, allowing them to overwhelm red squirrel territory.

Dr Morris said such planning decisions by one government department needed to take into account actions by the Department of the Environment, which was trying to conserve the red squirrel.

Dr Tom Tew, of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC), the Government's wildlife advisers, said yesterday that even if a bridge was not built to the Isle of Wight, southern England's last red squirrels could be extinct in two years. "They could get over by hitching a ride on a ferry. There is always the threat of some unscrupulous person introducing them."

Red squirrel: driven out by its grey cousin

He added that, despite all their best efforts, the red squirrel might not survive under the onslaught from the more successful grey squirrels. "I do not know if this is going to work. But if the red squirrel does become extinct here, it will be a tragic loss of our natural history. But we are optimistic. Everyone has signed up to this. I hope when I take my grandson to see a red squirrel it will still be in a wood and not a zoo."

The Earl of Selborne, chairman of the JNCC, said that the strategy was aimed at tipping the balance in favour of red squirrels in those areas of England, Scotland and Wales where they survived. He added that saving the red squirrel, one of 116 British species named recently by the Government under its biodiversity action plan as in need of urgent conservation, was vital.

"Here in the western world we are often critical of the actions of less developed nations to conserve their natural flora and fauna," he said. "Sometimes we forget that action, like charity, should begin at home. Indeed, we sometimes forget that we have species like the red squirrel, which are endangered and disappearing from the woods right under our noses."

Take one plump grey, dip in batter and fry until golden

By Adam Fresco

NOT all the blame for the demise of the red squirrel can be laid at the door of Mr Brocklehurst, the Cheshire landowner, who released a pair of North American grey squirrels into his garden as an exotic addition in 1876.

In 1902 a further 100 were released around Kingston Hill, Surrey. Why they were brought in is not quite clear, but they later became popular as food. It may not have the seasonal symbolism of lamb or turkey or the traditional taste of venison, but the grey squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*) has joined the butcher's game racks.

"I prefer them fried, but you can eat them anyway you like, really," says Jim Good, who runs a game shop in Sussex. "Whatever you can do with a chicken, you can do with a squirrel."

In the 1940s free cartridges were distributed to gun clubs which hunted the greys — officially classed as a pest — and a bounty of a shilling per tail was offered, with £100,000 being paid out by 1958.

Mr Good adds: "The way I like to do them is to skin and gut them, boil them for twenty minutes, dip them in breadcrumbs and egg and then fry them in batter until they are golden brown. You can curry them, boil or roast them and even turn them into hamburgers if you want, although the older buggers can be a bit tough to eat, so I only go for the young ones."

He sells them for £1.50 each. They are best after October, when they have fattened themselves up for the winter. And how do they taste? "A mixture between chicken and rabbit," Mr Good says. "There is enough meat on one squirrel for one person — quite nice really."

One of the most famous squirrel-eaters was Elvis Presley, who was brought up on them in Tupelo, Mississippi. If only he had stuck to squirrels, instead of his later high-calorie diet of bacon, jam and peanut butter sandwiches he might have been with us today.

MICHAEL POWELL

The new cast: from left, Steve Balsamo (Jesus), Joanna Ampil (Mary Magdalene), and Zubin Varla (Judas)

Unknown is chosen to be a Superstar

A MAN who took up singing to impress a girlfriend has been plucked from obscurity to take the lead role in Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's revival of *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Dalya Alberge writes).

Steve Balsamo, 25, was jealous of the adulation that the girl gave to rock stars. Although the romance later broke up, he dropped out of art school when he realised he could sing, became lead singer with a rock band called Living Room and took on acting roles including a television appearance in *Casualty*.

Gale Edwards, director of the revived rock musical, said that Balsamo was among 1,000 hopefuls who auditioned over eight months. She said: "He had a natural charisma. He also has an astonishingly good rock'n'roll voice."

Judas Iscariot will be played by Zubin Varla, who has worked with the Royal Shakespeare Company. Joanna Ampil, who played Kim in *Miss Saigon*, will be Mary Magdalene.

The musical, which upset religious groups when it was first staged in the 1970s, helped to make the names of its creators, Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, and of its early stars, such as Paul Nicholas and Elaine Page. It ran for eight years in the West End. It will reopen on November 19 at the revived Lyceum Theatre in the Strand, London.

Birds' egg collector escapes £6m fine

A COLLECTOR who amassed hundreds of protected birds' eggs could have incurred a fine of more than £6 million, a court was told yesterday.

The Durham City stipendiary magistrate, Ian Gillespie, accepted that Robert Crich did not have the means to pay penalties of £5,000 per rare egg and £3,000 for each of the others. He imposed two specimen fines of £600 for an osprey egg and £600 for a peregrine egg, plus £50 costs.

A police raid on Crich's former home in Brandon, Co Durham, in May last year led to the discovery of 2,431 eggs neatly set out in cabinets in a locked garage. The court ordered it to be confiscated.

Crich, 48, a tyre-fitter, admitted two charges of possessing 383 eggs of protected rare birds and two charges of having 1,421 eggs from more common protected species. The court was told that the collection included the eggs of some of Britain's rarest nesting birds, such as the red-throated diver and goshawk.

Barbara Thubron, for the defence, said that he had been collecting eggs since he was a boy and had invested a large amount of money in his hobby. "It resulted in his divorce after his wife alleged that he spent far too much time watching birds and with his egg collection and not enough time with her.

"Today is the final episode in a wasted life collecting eggs. He has lost his wife and family because of it and now he is going to lose his collection."

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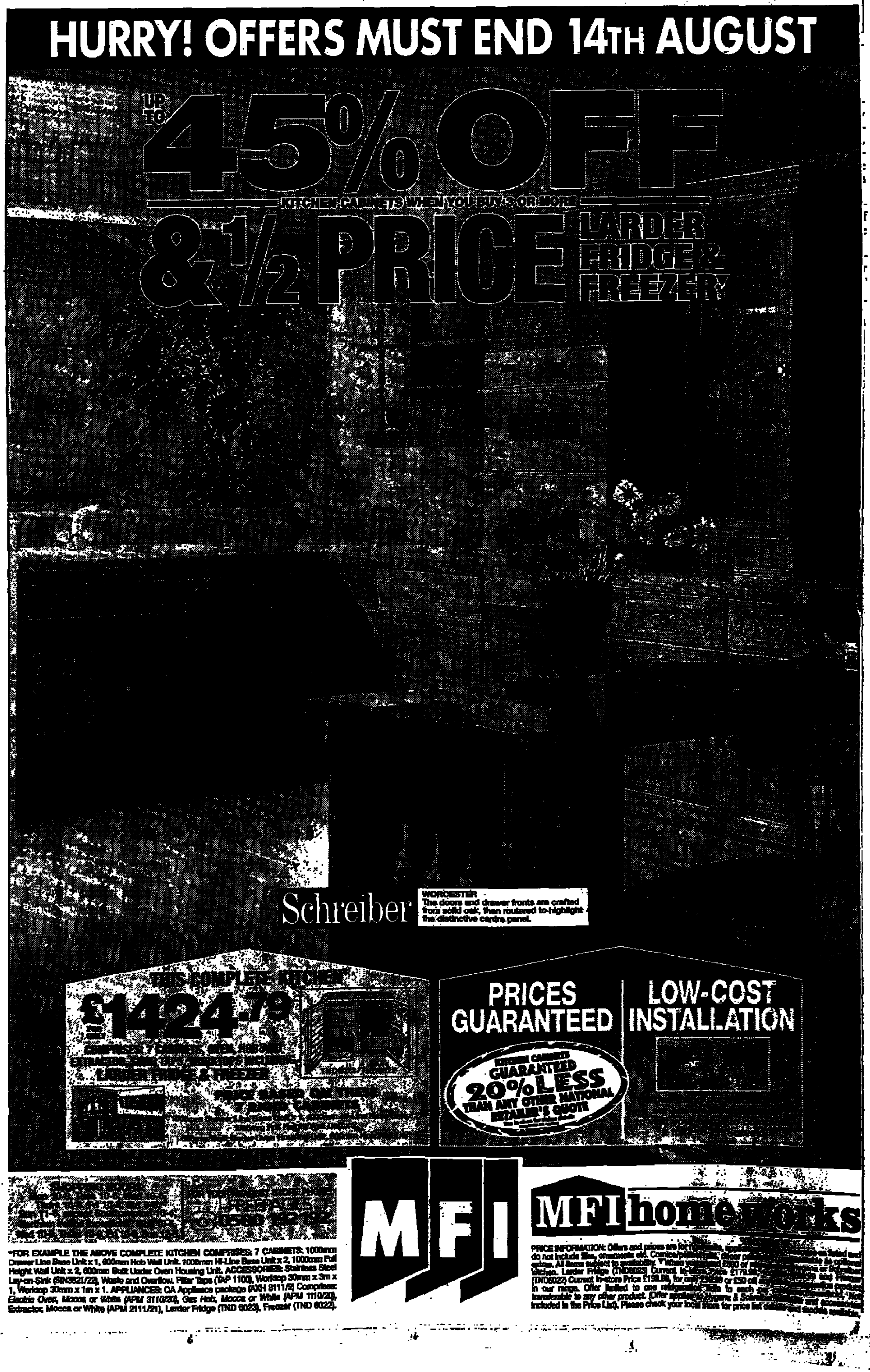

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France braced for autumn of strikes over budget cuts

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRENCH union leaders and government ministers will head off on holiday this month in the knowledge that the stage is set for a renewed bout of labour unrest when they return in September.

Government pledges to cut budgets and prune back the public sector, union strike threats and ever-swelling unemployment have mixed in a volatile cocktail that will ferment through the summer. *Many commentators predict* that at *la rentrée*, when France grudgingly goes back to work, the strikes and stoppages of last autumn will also return with a vengeance.

Clear signs of a looming confrontation over government austerity plans came this week with reports that up to 10,000 jobs will be cut from the public sector next year, as part of the 60 billion francs (£7.8 billion) in economies the Government hopes to make in advance of European *monetary* union. At least 2,500 teaching jobs are likely to be slashed, the first employment cuts in education for 15 years.

Monique Vuaillat, head of the powerful secondary teachers' union, said she was already seeking support from other public sector unions for strike action in the autumn. Other education unions called the cuts "scandalous".

Teachers' union leaders have scheduled a meeting on August 27 and the seven civil service federations will also meet on September 10 to coordinate action. The Force Ouvrière union, which spearheaded the strikes last year, has scheduled a march for September 21 to defend jobs, salaries and welfare benefits.

But the cuts so far identified *are only the tip of the iceberg* of what the Government must ram into the Titanic public sector, which employs more than two million people, to meet the Maastricht criteria for a single European currency. Eliminating 10,000 public sector jobs will save just 1.5 billion francs, a fortieth of the total government objective.

It is no accident that the first intimations of the shape of cuts to come should have emerged in the holiday season. Alain Juppé, *the Prime* Minister, is plainly hoping that by circulating his plans during the summer lull he can take at least some of the sting out of union wrath.

But the unions are in unforgiving mood, especially after job figures released yesterday showed that unemployment had reached a near-record 12.5 per cent. "They talk about fighting unemployment and then cut jobs," said Bernard Lhubert, head of the civil service branch of the Communist-led CGT union.

The scope and timing of further unrest may depend largely on the rail unions, which were among the most militant opponents of M Juppé's efforts to overhaul the welfare system last year.

The Government is prepar*ing for the "battle royal" in* prospect by quietly garnering support in some unlikely places. President Chirac dined this week with Alain Madelin, the Thatcherite former Finance Minister, who suggested a year ago that the civil service needed pruning, and was immediately sacked.

Today, M Chirac goes a step further by having lunch with Edouard Balladur, his rival for the presidency who has repeatedly sniped at the Gov*ernment's budget policies*. The two men dislike one another, but with further unrest on the horizon, M Chirac needs all the allies he can muster.

The President is spending his break at a Provençal fortress: an accurate reflection of his mentality, the unions say, and perhaps the best place to prepare for conflict.

Skinheads held for attack on cemetery

BY BEN MACINTYRE

FIVE skinheads have been arrested in connection with the desecration of the Jewish cemetery at Carpentras more than six years ago, a crime that outraged France and prompted a political furore.

In May 1990, 34 graves were vandalised and the body of an elderly man who had died five days before was impaled on an umbrella.

A wave of revulsion swept France and the finger of suspicion was immediately pointed at the extreme-right National Front, then gaining *political ground. The President* at the time, François Mitterrand, later joined 200,000 people on a march through Paris against racism and anti-Semitism.

The five people held yesterday have not been identified but are believed to be linked to the Parti Nationaliste Français et Européen , an extremist neo-Nazi breakaway from the National Front, founded by a former Waffen SS member.

Two of those arrested have confessed to the crime, radio reports said. All were in custody in Avignon last night.

☐ Bonn: German neo-Nazis have applied to hold more than 100 marches to commemorate Hitler's former deputy, Rudolf Hess, who committed suicide in Spandau prison on August 17, 1987.

Zapatista rebels welcome Danielle Mitterrand, widow of the former French President, to the village of La Realidad in Mexico, where she is taking part this week in a conference on global domination by multinational companies

Children of Russian officials 'stole £64m'

FROM RICHARD BEESTON
IN MOSCOW

CHILDREN of leading Russian bureaucrats are being accused of stealing about $100 million (£64.5 million) from the Interior and Defence Ministries through falsifying letters of credit between 1993 and 1994.

According to the Russian police, embezzlement charges are being prepared against ten people, mostly the sons and daughters of senior officials.

Andrei Stepantsev, the head of Moscow's investigation division, said the cases were by no means exceptional. He added that his officers were also investigating the Health Ministry, where millions of pounds in medical aid for Chechenia had disappeared. "The case involves officials very close to the Health Minister, which creates certain difficulties for investigators," he said yesterday, lamenting that senior officials in Russia still regard themselves as above the law.

Although the latest disclosures of corruption are stunning, even by Russia's standards, it is not clear how far the crackdown will lead. After the presidential elections and the rise of General Aleksandr Lebed as the Kremlin's security chief, it had been hoped that his tough "law and order" platform would be translated into a big clean-up drive.

However, there are serious doubts whether a concerted operation is possible while President Yeltsin is still in power. Several senior figures close to the Russian leader have been suspected of making millions through bribes, *embezzlement or* abuse of influence. Only one has been arrested.

Bosnian Croats' church bombed

FROM STACY SULLIVAN
IN BUGOJNO

SISTER Kornelia Grubisan, a Catholic nun in the predominantly Muslim town of Bugojno, had settled into bed to read a novel in her quarters at the Franciscan Church of St Anton when a powerful bomb exploded outside her window last Friday night.

The blast, believed to be the work of Muslim extremists, shattered all nine of the handmade stained-glass windows of the 120-year-old Catholic church, the biggest in Bosnia. It destroyed a hearse, an ambulance and a pharmacy run by an international aid group. It cracked the walls of the children's Sunday school room and blew off the doors in the residence hall, where 13 nuns and priests sleep. Nobody was killed, however.

The bombing was probably in retaliation for the partial burning of a mosque in nearby Prozor, a predominantly Croat town, a day earlier. It is a reflection of the deteriorating relations between Mus*lims and Croats, partners in a* shaky federation.

In Bugojno today less than 2,000 of the prewar Croat population of 15,000 remain. According to Father Janko Ljubos, 47, the priest who runs the Franciscan parish, they are routinely harassed by the Muslim authorities who control the town. "This attack was an attempt to force out the remaining Croats," he said.

The church had become a community centre for the Croats, housing offices of Caritas, a Catholic relief organisation, a human rights group, a mail centre for Croat residents, and offices of the Croatian Democratic Union.

"There are some parts of Bosnia where the ethnic cleansing is not finished and now, extremist groups on all sides are trying to finish it off," said Father Ljobos.

Balabagan: *outrage over* her death sentence

Filipina maid flies home to a fortune

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

SARAH BALABAGAN, the teenage Filipina maid who has faced a death sentence, flogging and two years in jail for murdering her employer in the United Arab Emirates after he allegedly tried to rape her, was freed and flew home to Manila yesterday, facing a future brimming with all the hope that money can buy.

Miss Balabagan has a reported £100,000 to spend from a trust fund set up with donations from well-wishers and many times that amount believed to be on offer from Manila businessmen.

In 1994 she was convicted of murdering her elderly employer, Almas Mohammed al-Baloushi. Last summer she was sentenced to die, causing international outrage and prompting Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan al-Nahayan, President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), to intervene. After a retrial she was sentenced to a year in prison and 100 lashes.

The UAE said Miss Balabagan was released because of good behaviour in jail. While there, she was inundated with gifts as well as offers of marriage. One of her suitors is reportedly an Englishman.

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Township mob on rampage after 15 die in stampede

An electric-baton attack by security guards on railway fare dodgers led to a riot and a narrow escape from a violent crowd for **Inigo Gilmore**

ANGRY youths fought running battles with police in Tembisa township, 20 miles northeast of Johannesburg, yesterday as they vented their anger over a rush-hour railway station stampede that left 15 people dead and more then 50 injured.

President Mandela pledged an urgent inquiry into the "national tragedy" at Tembisa station, caused when security guards with electric shock batons tried to turn back alleged fare dodgers. The victims were crushed as thousands of commuters trying to board trains into Johannesburg and Pretoria were caught in a bottleneck.

In rare scenes of township violence since the end of apartheid, hundreds of youths rampaged through the dusty streets round the station vowing to kill the security guards. Screaming abuse and hurling stones, they set upon journalists at the scene.

Arriving at the station, I saw youths wielding clubs and metal bars smash down the wooden door of the ticket office before torching it. This triggered a gas-bottle explosion that ripped off part of the roof.

Police in bullet-proof vests, firing rubber bullets and tear-gas, chased the mob from the station across waste ground where I was standing. As they took up positions around the station, a white policeman beckoned aggressively to his tormentors as they hurled rocks at him.

Screaming men and women then turned their anger on me, as I crouched behind a car. Stones narrowly missed my head and body. As I scrambled into the passenger seat of the car, a colleague from *The Daily Telegraph* put the vehicle into reverse, but the front wheels became stuck in a rut. A rock crashed through the driver's window, and for a few terrifying moments, with the wheels spinning, I watched the mob come closer. With a jerk of the steering wheel the car was suddenly free and we sped away.

Witnesses at the scene said the stampede occurred shortly after 6am. They said people had arrived earlier to find the ticket office shut and, worried about missing their trains, attempted to board without tickets. Passengers forced their way through the control point, crushing others in front.

More than 50 people were reportedly admitted to a hospital in the township with injuries caused by electric shocks. A police spokesman said such shocks could be lethal. One witness said he saw security guards pinning down passengers and pressing prods into bare skin, including faces.

Bintu Petsana, a spokeswoman for Metro Rail which runs the commuter train service, said the company had begun deploying private security guards on Monday to curb fare dodgers. "Resistance had been building up among non-paying commuters who refused to move to ticket offices," she said. "These commuters embarked on a practice of waiting on top of a bridge until a train arrived and then storming down the stairs past the access points."

She added: "This happened again this morning, with a group of singing and dancing commuters shouting and pushing their way past the security personnel."

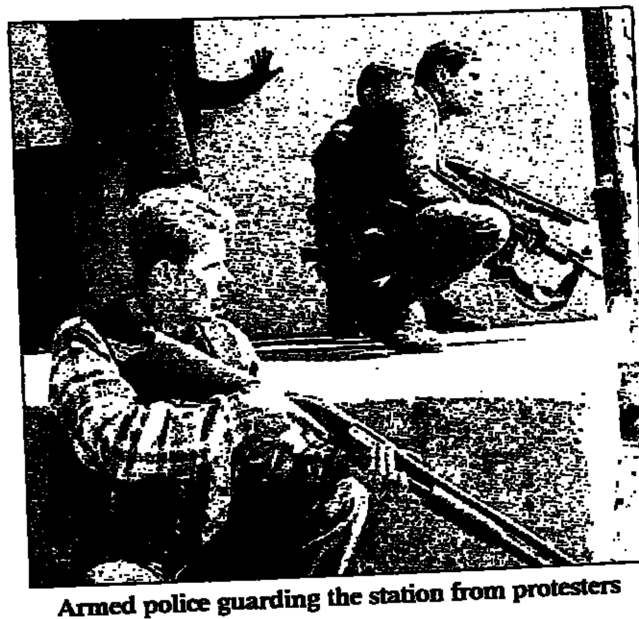
In the pandemonium police struggled to restrain a surging crowd of several thousands who demanded to see the victims. As word spread of the tragedy, youths, many schoolchildren, flocked to the scene demanding answers and punishment for the security guards. The guards, who had earlier hidden in the ticket office, were ferried by police to a local police station.

Encircled by plumes of billowing black smoke, youths demonstrated at the entrance to the station. Speaking from inside a riot van, a local ANC official tried to calm the crowd, but his pleas for restraint were drowned by shouts of anger. "If the security guards come back here the people will murder them," a 24-old-year calling himself "KB" said to nods of approval. "The people want justice."

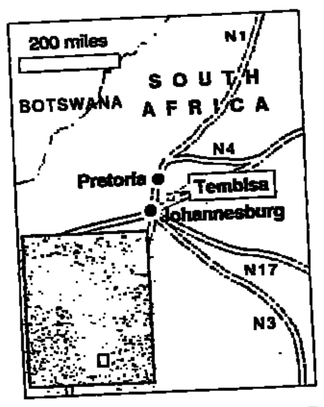
For most Tembisa residents, trains are the only mode of transport to Johannesburg. A ticket to the city costs 3.5 rands (about 50p) while a trip to the local suburbs is 1.5 rands.

A relief fund was set up to assist victims and their families and had received 500,000 rands by last night.

Residents protesting in Tembisa yesterday after 15 rail commuters died in a stampede triggered by the use of electric batons on fare dodgers



Armed police guarding the station from protesters



African states isolate Burundi regime

From Sam Kiley in Bujumbura

AFRICAN leaders vowed yesterday to impose tough economic sanctions against Burundi's new military regime, and demanded that it open negotiations with Hutu rebels or face "tougher measures".

Major Pierre Buyoya, who seized power in a coup last week, was left out of the talks in Arusha, northern Tanzania. "This is a total economic blockade of Burundi. There was not a single dissenting voice," President Mkapa of Tanzania said after the six-nation regional summit. Other leaders came from Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Ethiopia and Zaire.

The tough stance has not been matched since 1967, when the Organisation of African Unity imposed sanctions on Rhodesia, and signals a new phase in regional politics, since African leaders traditionally have ignored the affairs of their neighbours. The six leaders said the curbs would not be lifted until Major Buyoya restored "constitutional legality", a demand amounting to an order to restore Sylvestre Ntibantunganya, the deposed Hutu President, to power. Landlocked Burundi, its economy hard hit by civil war, relies on brewing, and coffee and tea exports by road. About 150,000 people have died in three years of killings between Hutus, who are 85 per cent of the population, and Tutsis, who control the military.

Major Buyoya, in an attempt to woo support, yesterday appointed a Hutu as his Prime Minister. But it had no effect. Pascal-Firmin Ndimira, 40, has a Rwandan Tutsi mother and is a member of the Tutsi-dominated Uprona Party.

Aborigines seek Ned Kelly reward

From Roger Maynard in Sydney

Kelly: hanged at 25

DESCENDANTS of two Aborigines who tracked down the infamous Australian bush ranger, Ned Kelly, launched a court action yesterday for the reward that they claim was never paid.

In 1880, when the bandit who became a folk hero was captured by police after a shootout in Glenrowan, Victoria, a £50 reward had been posted for information leading to his arrest. The Aboriginal pair drew on their traditional hunting skills to lead police to Kelly's hideout.

Now, 116 years later, their descendants claim the reward, equivalent to two weeks' salary for a clerk at the time, is worth £20,000 with compound interest.

John Lee Jones, an Aboriginal elder, acting on behalf of families of the men, filed suits against the Victoria and Queensland state governments yesterday. Mrs May McBride, 79, a granddaughter of one of the Aborigines, claimed her grandfather repeatedly tried to obtain the reward before he died in poverty in 1925.

Legal sources said the lawsuits had little chance of success because of the time lapse since Kelly's capture.

Kelly was hanged in Melbourne jail a few months after his capture, aged 25.

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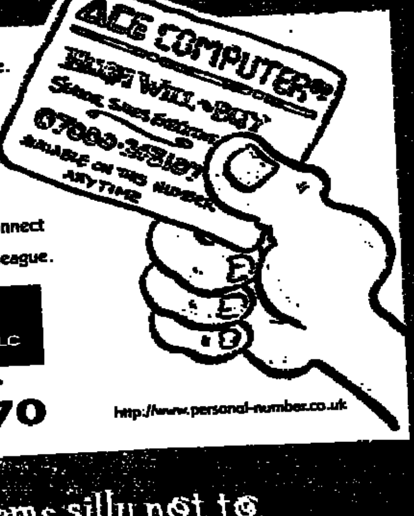

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Ignored Buchanan hints at quitting Republican ranks

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PAT BUCHANAN, the biggest thorn in Bob Dole's side, all but threatened to quit the Republican Party yesterday if his conservative agenda continued to be ignored.

Warning that the party was in "dire straits", Mr Buchanan was still steaming over being offered only a 15-second video appearance at the Republican convention. He told a Washington press conference that his not being invited to speak was an insult.

Almost as bad, Mr Dole, the *Republican presidential nominee*, was refusing to talk to him, the Dole campaign would not return his calls to discuss platform proposals, and he felt as though he was being boxed out.

Mr Dole has decided that to have any hope of beating President Clinton in November he must run towards the moderate centre. In doing so, he is trying to ignore the party's divisions and gambling that Mr Buchanan will not leave the fold and take his legion of supporters with him, because they have nowhere else to go.

As a maverick and a populist, Mr Buchanan came second in the primaries with three million votes. His delegates promise to be a noisy presence at the convention, which starts in 11 days' time in *San Diego, with the potential* to cause floor-fights over abortion, taxes and international trade.

Alone among the other defeated primary contestants, Mr Buchanan refuses to endorse Mr Dole. When asked what it would take for him to do so, he said his attitude would depend on the tone of the convention, the shape of the party's platform and the selection of an anti-abortion candidate for Vice-President.

He intends to go to the convention as a Republican and he hoped to leave as one, he said, emphasising the word hoped. "But I cannot give these folks a blank cheque," he added. "I am more committed to a lot of these ideas and issues than to any party label."

Asked point-blank if he would leave the party, he said: "What we do is contingent on the next few weeks."

Mr Buchanan will hold a series of rallies beyond the convention hall to "provide a voice for the unborn and for the working men and women who have been left out of this hollow prosperity". He speaks not for the Republican bluebloods, but for the blue-collar conservatives and the Religious Right, whose ranks he says are growing.

Buchanan delegates will be armed with his latest manifesto, which goes beyond Mr Dole's proposals in calling for a flat tax with some deductions and for an "America First" curbing of free trade that runs counter to mainstream Republican beliefs.

In typically heated Buchanan rhetoric, it says: "Amoral trans-national corporations that dominate foreign trade have adopted a 'profit uber alles' mind-set.

"Like the denizens of *Jurassic Park*, they exhibit only appetite. They have no allegiance to any country and no loyalty even to their own workers."

On foreign policy, Mr Buchanan accused Europeans of cutting back their military forces and throwing the entire burden of their defence on the Americans. America's response, he said, must be to pull all US ground troops out of Europe and transfer command of Nato to a European general.

Democrats divided over welfare cuts

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

REPUBLICANS yesterday left the White House struggling to find a compromise after a sweeping overhaul of the American welfare system left President Clinton under fire from his own party.

The House of Representatives was expected to vote last night on a Bill to end the 61-year-old federal guarantee of cash assistance to every poor family with children. Like the Senate, which votes today, both houses are expected to pass the measure easily.

States would get an annual cash grant and be able to design their own programmes to create employment for welfare recipients. The Bill would also cut eligibility for food stamps and deny benefits under most welfare schemes to legal immigrants, limit benefits to five years, and reduce spending by about $55 billion (£35 billion) over six years. Mr Clinton, expected to receive the Bill before Congress goes into recess at the end of the week, has yet to make a decision but White House sources said he would sign it. The President said: "I hope we can work it out. We just need to keep the kids in mind ... the children need to come out ahead."

Within the White House, however, two camps have emerged. Political advisers, mindful of the election and Mr Clinton's campaign promise to "abolish welfare as we know it", have urged him to sign the legislation.

Liberal aides and the left wing of the congressional Democratic Party say the Bill will plunge more than a million children into poverty and want him to veto the proposals.

Belorussia opposition heads seek US asylum

BY TOM RHODES, AND RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE United States last night was considering asylum for two opposition leaders from Belorussia who claim they fled the hardline regime in the former Soviet republic in fear of their lives.

Zenon Poznyak, chairman of the Popular Front party, and Sergei Naumchik, its press secretary, said they had been labelled enemies of the state by President Lukashenko, who had ordered them "neutralised" or killed.

The two, speaking on Capitol Hill, called on Congress to hold hearings on recent human rights abuses in Belorussia. Martin Hoke, a Ohio Republican, said both had been imprisoned and claimed to have suffered various abuses.

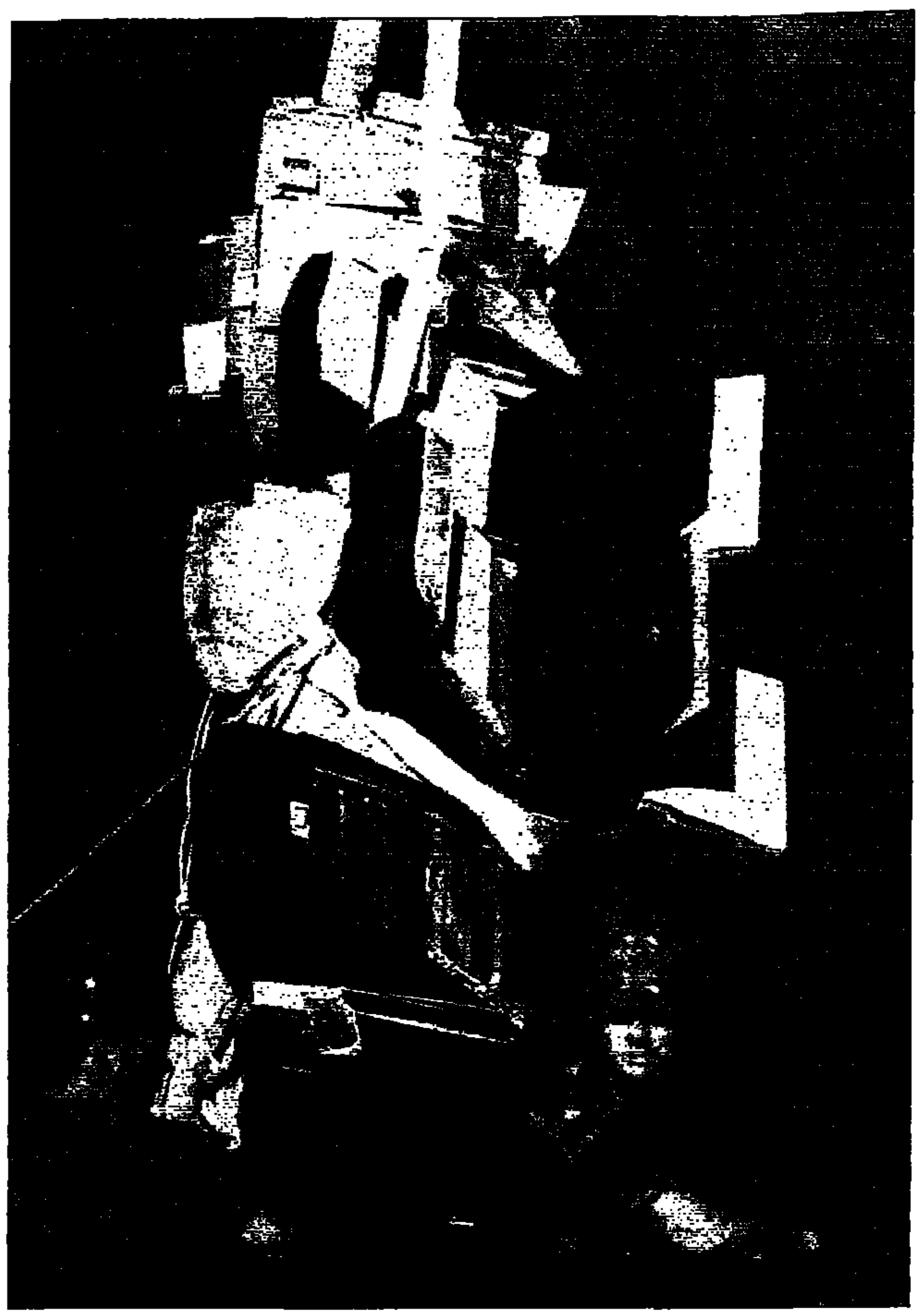
"I have advanced their case and to my understanding there is every indication that they will be granted political asylum here," he said. "I have also urged Congress to cut foreign aid to Belorussia and prevent what appears to be the creation of a police state."

The State Department and the Immigration and Naturalisation Service both declined comment. Under federal law, asylum cases are protected by a privacy clause.

The asylum request is likely to exacerbate a tense situation in Belorussia where President Lukashenko, the democratically elected but dictatorially minded leader, is locked in battle with the opposition.

The Belorussian leader said yesterday that he was preparing a decree that would ban "unlawful, anti-state, anti-presidential activities".

He triggered nationwide unrest in April when he pledged to reforge a union with Russia. Seven political parties, from nationalists to Communists, signed a declaration last week denouncing his presidency. Seven thousand pro-nationalist demonstrators took to the streets of Minsk, the capital, last Saturday in a show of defiance.



Workers unload a section of three of Flight 800's passenger seats from a barge

Damage to landing gear boosts TWA bomb theory

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE front landing gear of TWA Flight 800, pulled from the waters off Long Island, has yielded the strongest evidence yet that the jumbo jet was brought down by a bomb.

Investigators were quoted yesterday as saying that the landing gear had suffered "serious concussive damage" indicating that it was close to the source of the explosion.

With the plane flying at 13,700ft, the landing gear would have been stowed in its metal casing inside the fuselage. Divers who hoisted the wreckage from the seabed on Saturday found, however, that the hydraulic mechanism that retracts the nose wheel had been smashed by the explosion.

"The vast majority of the wreckage has been these torn, mangled pieces of thin metal from the fuselage," one investigator said. "This was a huge piece of thick steel, and it had been blasted."

The discovery bolsters the theory that the Boeing 747 was split in two by a bomb in the forward baggage compartment, or possibly in a food cart or toilet above.

The front landing gear is located next to the forward baggage compartment and beneath the first-class seating. It was found near the wreckage of the first-class cabin and other parts of the front of the plane, about 1.5 miles from the main fuselage.

Salvage crews have also recovered a forward cargo door that similarly points to a bomb blast in the front cargo hold. The door was recovered further back along the plane's flight path than the front landing gear, suggesting it was one of the first pieces to be blown off.

James Kallstrom, the FBI's chief investigator, said publicly for the first time on Tuesday night that he favoured one of the three scenarios investigators have identified — a bomb, a missile and mechanical malfunction — but refused to say which. The FBI is waiting for hard forensic evidence before making an official announcement that the crash was the result of a terrorist attack.

The *USS Grapple*, a salvage vessel equipped with a pilotless submarine and heavy lifting gear, yesterday joined its sister ship, the *USS Grasp*, at the crash site. The *Grapple* attempted to hoist up wreckage of the front of the plane, while the *Grasp* continued to work on the main fuselage.

Investigators hope that sophisticated tests at the FBI crime laboratory outside Washington will reveal chemical residue of any explosive. The absence of positive results has led some to speculate that a bomb might have been made of dynamite, which leaves little residue.

Meanwhile, another TWA Flight 800 flight on the New York-Paris route was forced to turn back shortly after take-off on Tuesday night due to a light warning of an open service door. After major disasters airlines usually rename routes, but TWA has insisted on keeping Flight 800.

WORLD SUMMARY

Eta bomb warning for France

Madrid: A car dealer was badly injured in Calatayud, near Zaragoza, yesterday by a letter bomb left at his Citroën showroom by Eta, the Basque separatist group (Tunku Varadarajan writes).

Spanish police believe the bomb — and a petrol bomb attack earlier yesterday on a Peugeot showroom in Zamudio, near Bilbao, that damaged six cars — could be the start of a wave of Eta attacks on French symbols and business interests in retaliation for France's new close co-operation with Spain against the extremists.

Herminio Ibáñez Herrero, the Citroën dealer, had his left hand amputated.

Radiation scare at Iran plant

Nicosia: About 25 people were exposed to radioactivity at a gas power station in northern Iran, the International Atomic Agency said yesterday (Michael Theodoulou writes). The news clarified a sketchy report in a Tehran newspaper that prompted speculation of a nuclear accident. David Kyd, of the agency, said a radiograph machine had been accidentally left in a pipeline. By the time it was found, staff had suffered mild exposure.

£6m leap in cash for Greenpeace

Amsterdam: Donations to Greenpeace jumped by £6.4 million last year despite a drop in world membership. Greenpeace's management board said in its annual report that high-profile media campaigns on the Brent Spar oil platform and French nuclear testing in the South Pacific pushed worldwide donations to £88.6 million from £82.2 million in 1995. *(Reuter)*

Pakistan buys Ukraine tanks

Islamabad: Pakistan, stung by US sanctions against weapons sales, has bought more than 300 Russian-built tanks from Ukraine in a £350 million deal. Announcing the purchase, a Pakistan Defence Ministry official did not specify the precise number of T80UD tanks to be delivered over three years. *(Reuter)*

Kangaroo siege

Sydney: An animal welfare officer had to shoot a sick kangaroo that terrorised an elderly couple by refusing to let them out of their suburban home after taking up residence on their porch. *(AP)*

Indonesians add to democracy demands

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN JAKARTA

INDONESIA arrested anti-government campaigners and kept riot police on the streets of Jakarta yesterday in a drive against an increasingly defiant pro-democracy movement.

The Government has been stunned by the first serious challenge to a controlled political order that has given President Suharto a monopoly on power for 30 years.

Orders to police to shoot rioters on sight have ensured peace in Jakarta after violent demonstrations last weekend. But pro-democracy leaders continued issuing statements yesterday demanding the dismantling of a system that guarantees perpetual power for the governing Golkar party, which is certain to win next year's general election.

President Suharto, 75, is guaranteed a seventh term if he wants it. However, the death of his wife in April and his visit to a heart specialist in Germany last month have focused attention on his succession. There is no machinery for a proper succession, leaving foreign investors nervous. Last Friday, the stock market dipped on the false rumour that the President had fainted.

The Government described 230 accused rioters who are under arrest as "small worms" and pledged to hunt for what it called the masterminds of the weekend turmoil, in which two men died. The demonstrations, an unprecedented reaction to years of political repression, were sparked by the Government's involvement in the removal of Megawati Sukarnoputri from the chairmanship of the opposition Democratic Party in June, patently because she posed a credible challenge.

The daughter of Sukarno, Indonesia's founder and first President, is due to go to court today to sue the Government for arranging her removal from the party leadership.

Scientists seize their chance to learn deepest secrets of the blue whale

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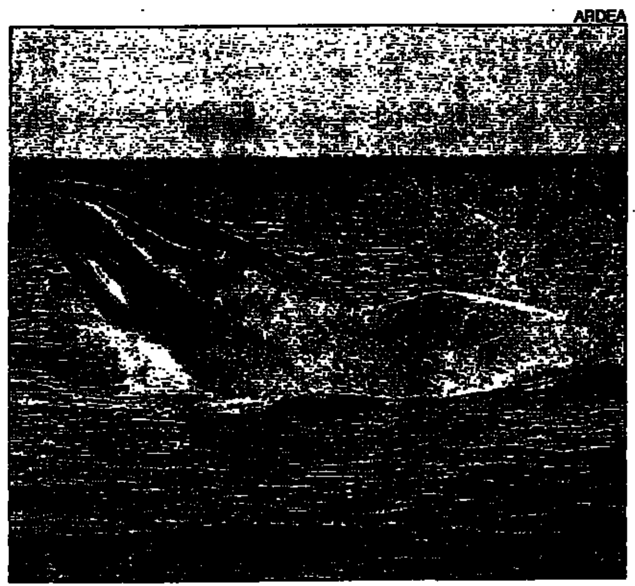


A blue whale calf, only a baby at 50ft, off California

FROM GILES WHITTELL OFF SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

SECONDS before the whale breathed, a flash of iridescent blue betrayed it. Fresh from a feed and nearly twice the length of a cricket pitch, the largest thing that has lived *on Earth was coming to the surface.*

It did so more like a submarine than a mammal, breaking the smooth skin of the Pacific first with a bow wave and then with its vast back. Before it was gone, another had surfaced less than a mile away, grazing on the same rich bloom of krill. Then another, followed closely by its calf, a mere 50ft long.

Thirty miles off the southern Californian coast, an unprecedented gathering of great blue whales, once hunted to near extinction, has brought scientists flocking. Their mission is twofold: to monitor the recovery of an impossibly majestic species and to address a mystery: why have they assembled here?

In one of the biggest concentrations yet, some 200 blue whales have been seen in the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary so far this summer. Sightings have increased steadily over the past five years, with the *giant creatures gorging on krill that* feed on plankton in huge swarms on the edge of the continental shelf.

A cold-water upwelling where prevailing currents meet the islands means that krill have thrived here for aeons. What baffles scientists is that blue whales have not. Before 1991, sightings were virtually unheard of.

Bob Pitman, an expert aboard a US government research vessel in the area, said: "They may have come *from the north* or *the south*, having found new krill or for more complex social reasons." Fast, sleek and none too gregarious, blue whales have kept more secrets from science than their smaller brethren. Breeding and migration habits remain largely unknown, but the 19-strong scientific team has made some progress.

By listening to the whales from a special 300ft vessel that upends itself like a fishing float, the team has established that they fall silent when *feeding, undermining* theories that they congregated near the islands after deliberately alerting each other to the krill.

Efforts to learn how often and how deep the whales dive received a boost a few days ago when an adult was tagged with a radio transmitter fired from a crossbow. Blue whales, which have been known to dive to depths of more than 600ft, have been tagged successfully only six times in history, four of them in this sanctuary in the past month, according to Ed Cassano, the sanctuary's manager.

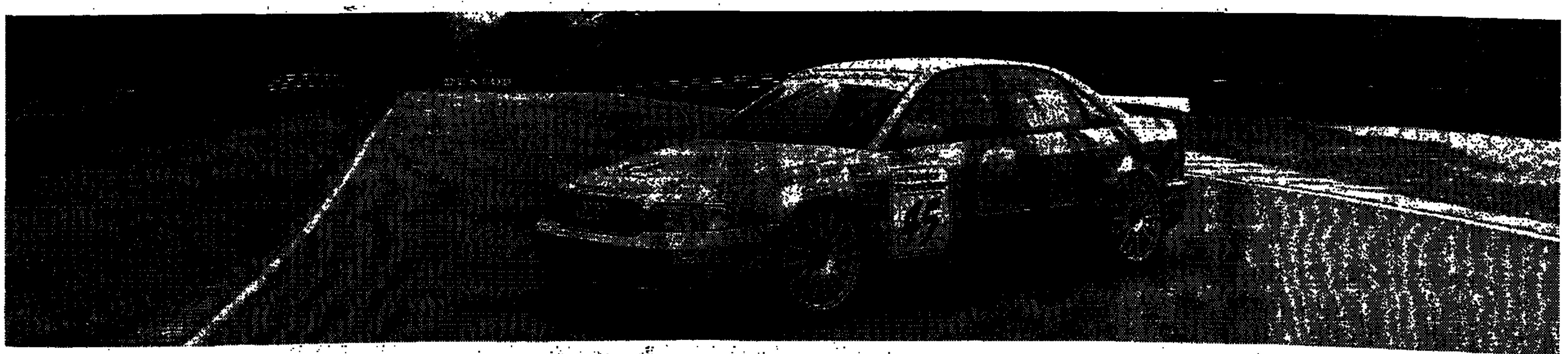
Slaughtered in their hundreds of thousands by whaling fleets operating mainly near Antarctica, blue whales are thought to have numbered some 400,000 at the start of the century. That figure is now put at 12,000. Listed as an endangered species in 1966, they may be making a slow comeback; 2,000 are thought to feed off California's coast alone.

Captain Fred Benko, one of the few boat-owners able to offer bona fide blue-whale-watching trips, calls the deep waters of the Santa Barbara Channel a "cetacean soup". One day last week it served up, besides the blue whales, a lone minke whale, a large pod of white-sided dolphins and enough common dolphins to churn up water for hundreds of yards around his boat. He guessed there were a thousand.

But Mr Pitman said: "The blue whales could be gone next year. They may just eat up all the krill and then move on. We don't know enough about them."

[illegible] GIANT THAT DWARFS A DINOSAUR

IT IS hard to convey the sheer size of a blue whale, *Balaenoptera musculus*. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which is co-ordinating the studies off Santa Barbara, has prepared a fact sheet: an adult weighs about 100 tonnes — as much as 30 elephants or four brontosauri. It has a heart the size of a Volkswagen Beetle, a tongue the size of an African hippopotamus and a daily diet of four tonnes of the tiny, shrimp-like crustaceans known as krill. A calf weighs up to three tonnes at birth, then gains weight at 8lb an hour.



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FBI agents comb home of Atlanta bomb blast 'hero'

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN ATLANTA

A LARGE *squad of FBI* agents yesterday searched the flat of Richard Jewell, the Olympics security guard who is being investigated for the bomb blast in Atlanta *last Saturday*.

Special agent David Tubbs, an FBI spokesman, said the *unusually* large number of investigators at the Jewell residence did "not indicate *in* any way that he has been charged with a crime", and Mr Jewell continued to protest his innocence.

By lunchtime there *had* been *no* arrest, although he was being trailed by FBI agents, and forensic experts were conducting tests on evidence from his *house*. Mr Jewell was co-operating with law enforcers and was seen sitting on the steps outside *his* home, talking to agents.

Other residents at the Buford Highway block of flats were evacuated by police to enable investigators ease of movement as they conducted a search of the area.

The FBI, which has been criticised for the way it gathered evidence against the Oklahoma bomb suspect, Timothy McVeigh, was keen to be seen proceeding by the book. Mr Tubbs repeatedly said: "Mr Jewell has not been placed under arrest." Behind him, however, special incident vans and a mobile crime laboratory were pulling up for what looked like being a long stay.

The Atlanta Games organisers faced questions about *how a man with a chequered* security record managed to clear the checks allegedly made on all people working at the Olympics venues. Mr Jewell was not only dismissed from a former security job for "erratic and overzealous" behaviour but was also on record for having tried recently *to impersonate a policeman* and make an arrest.

Bob Brennan, a Games official, tried to refer security matters to the telephone company *that* hired the security contractor for whom Mr Jewell works. But Mr Brennan, whose committee made the boast that Atlanta would be "the safest place on Earth", admitted that *he did not know* what exact checks had been made.

Mr Jewell's consuming desire to be a detective led to *suspicions* that *he may* have suffered from a "hero syndrome". After the blast on Saturday, he was praised for the apparent speed with which *he had noticed an unclaimed* green bag in Atlanta's Centennial Park and alerted a member of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The area was being cleared when the bag exploded. But for Mr Jewell's *action, it was said, many more* people would have died.

If Mr Jewell is charged with the bombing, comparison will be *made* to the case of a policeman at the 1984 Olympics. Officer James Pearson of the Los Angeles Police Department dramatically seized hold of a suspect bomb and hurled it to safety after it was attached to a bus full of Turkish athletes. The "bomb" was later found to be a fake, which *he himself* had planted.

Earlier this week, the FBI confirmed it was including Games workers in its investigation. *Psychologists have* predicted that the Olympic bomber is a loner, perhaps a military man or a former police officer.

Mr Jewell's neighbours yesterday described him *as* an unremarkable, though not unfriendly, man, who in fact still wanted to work in the law enforcement business. *He* may have hoped his actions at Centennial Park would improve his chances of landing a good job. In front of the *cameras* he had *appeared* modest, saying: "I don't think I am a *hero*." He was *near* the bomb when it exploded and was blown off his feet.

Police will also compare Mr Jewell's voice to the accent of the man who placed the bomb-warning call to police 18 minutes before the explosion. The call was made from a public telephone about ten *minutes' walk from* where Mr Jewell was working that night.

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Richard Jewell, the Olympic security guard under suspicion of planting the bomb, returns to his flat. He maintains he is innocent

Spotlight falls on obsessive man with a grudge

BY QUENTIN LETTS

RICHARD JEWELL, suspected of the Olympic bombing, matches the stereotype of an American security guard: moustached, overweight and with a love of uniform and a frustrated desire to be a police patrol car officer.

Mr Jewell, 33, has a chequered history in security work. He was sacked as a college campus guard and he left the police after crashing a squad car. He resigned from the force *rather than accept demotion to his old* job as a jailer and was later arrested for impersonating an officer when trying to make an arrest.

Mr Jewell now lives with his mother in a shaded condominium block in a *quiet* Atlanta *suburb*. Mrs Jewell is distressed by the commotion of reporters and FBI agents outside, and the sound of weeping can be heard through her door.

Mr Jewell went to work in April at Piedmont College, a small Georgia institution where he was employed as a security guard. He was dismissed the following month for "erratic" behaviour. His tendency to investigate the most trifling incident in the *smallest detail simply did not suit the* college authorities.

When Ray Cleere, the college president, saw Mr Jewell on television after Saturday's bomb and heard him described as a "hero", he telephoned the FBI to express his doubts. "We felt he needed to be checked out further," he said.

After Piedmont College, Mr Jewell was hired by a security firm that had won a contract to provide guards for the AT&T telephone company at the Atlanta Olympics. He was given duties at a site in Centennial Park, the central area later to be ripped apart by a pipe bomb. The contract passed to another company, but Mr Jewell was *kept on the pay roll, his supervisors* impressed by his serious approach to his work.

The Atlanta Games organisers were hazy yesterday on what security passes he had, but said he had been cleared by state and national crime information authorities. Any evidence of a *security blunder* will be seized on by lawyers representing victims of Saturday's bomb in any court case that may arise.

Security work, one of the boom occupations of the late 20th century, calls for a particular type of man — serious, with a high boredom threshold. More than having a "job's worth" mentality, such people take the view *that placing petty obstacles in the way* of others is what their job is all about. Mr Jewell, with his elaborate habit of calling people "sir", his beefy gait and his slow drawl, fitted the role perfectly.

Gymnast cashes in on gold

BY QUENTIN LETTS

Strug: now enjoying the sweet scent of success

KERRI STRUG, the gymnast whose pain-beating vault ensured gold for the US women's gymnastics team, has said "yes" to the lucrative demands *of commercial endorsements* and name branding.

Miss Strug, 18, the academically bright daughter of an Arizona heart surgeon, initially resisted offers from corporations keen to associate themselves with "America's golden girl".

The only member of the US gymnastics *team not to have* an agent, she said she put a higher value on the university place she recently won at the University of California than on mere riches.

Now Mammon has won. She has engaged the services of Sheryl Shabe, a tough-nosed agent, and decided to turn down her athletic scholarship. Her final vault, made despite an ankle injury, secured national recognition. She was telephoned by *President Clinton*, *fêted wherever* she went and pictured on numerous magazine covers.

One Hollywood agent promised her "millions" if she *devoted herself to capitalising* on the Olympics gold.

Mary-Lou Retton, American gold medal-winning gymnast at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984, has made pots of money. Her picture adorns cereal packets, and it seems she is seldom off the television.

Miss Strug will hope she can do as well, although a weedy voice may stunt the number of offers to do radio commercial voiceovers.

Peru navy men held for drugs racket

BY GABRIELLA GAMINI
SOUTH AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

PERUVIAN police have arrested two high-ranking navy officers accused of running cocaine shipments to Europe on naval ships, confirming a wave of revelations in the past month that members of the *security forces* are involved in drug trafficking.

Colonel Pedro Gómez amd Luis Cordone were handcuffed and driven from their naval *command offices in the* capital, Lima, on Tuesday night to a police station were they are facing charges of running drugs to Europe on *naval ships*.

The arrests come after several police raids on naval cargo ships docked in the port of Callao in the past month, in which *more* than 220lb of cocaine were found hidden in the engine rooms of the two ships. The officers arrested yesterday captained the two ships on various journeys to European ports.

President Fujimori said it was possible members of the security forces were involved in drug trafficking. His Government would launch a massive investigation to "clean up" the forces.

Police hauled 383lb of cocaine from a Peruvian Air Force DC8, often used by the President, as it was about to take off for Europe with ten senior air force officers in May. *The ten officers face trial* for running a drug-trafficking racket which involved regular air force flights to London, Rome and Amsterdam.

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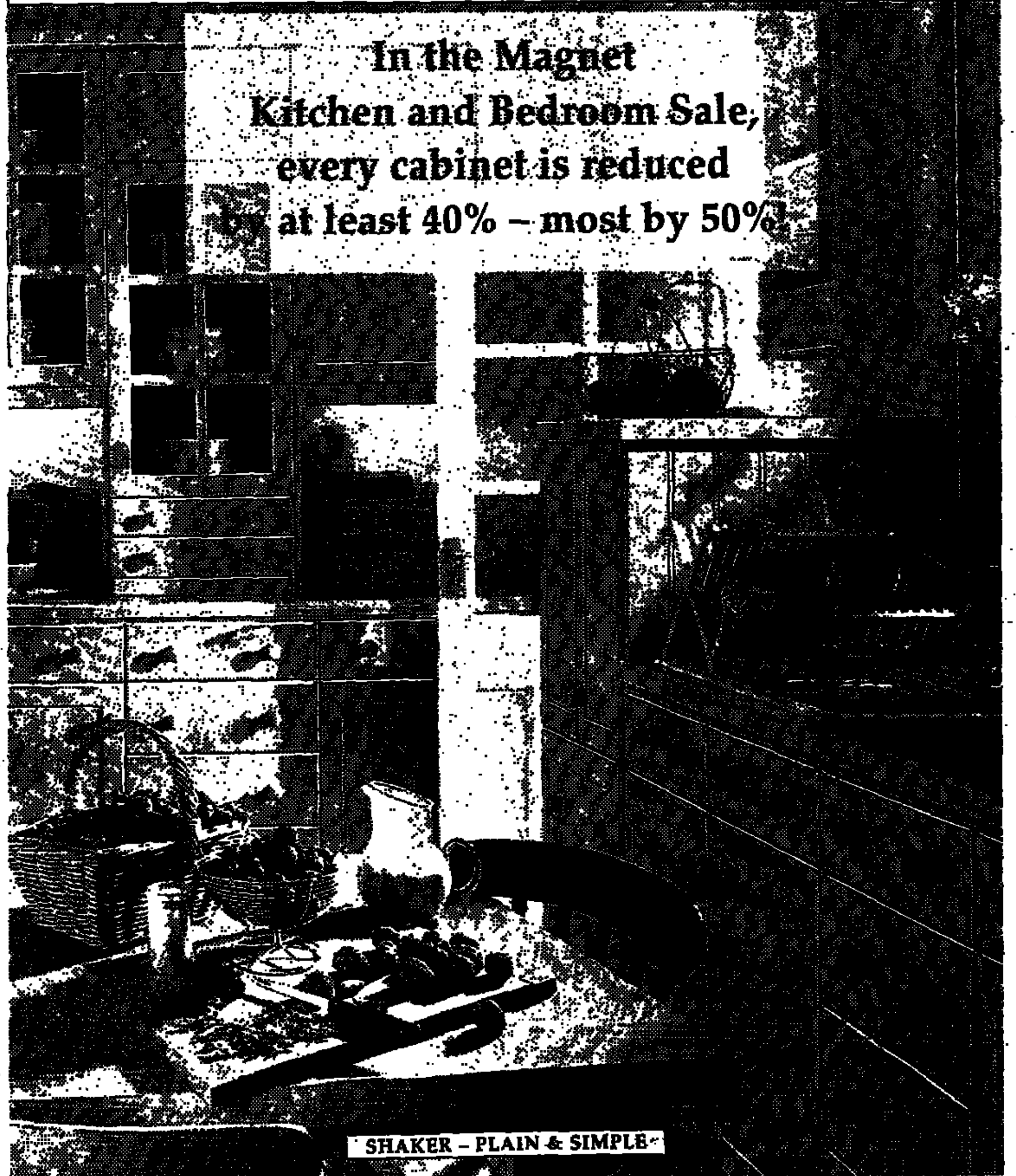

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When life depends on the liver

Whereas in Britain the minor, undiagnosed ills that occasionally affect everyone are ascribed by doctors to viruses; in France the liver gets the blame. French bathroom cupboards are filled with mysterious medicines prescribed by their doctors for liver disorders, and the patients are assured that by taking them they will lose their headaches and joint pains, feel less tired, have their appetites restored and their bowels regulated.

The pattern of drinking in France means there is more liver disease, but less heart trouble, than there is here; but even in a London bar or at a dinner party regular drinkers still spare an anxious thought for their liver function.

Livers are essential and misuse can — on rare occasions — destroy them, but it is a common error to equate liver disease solely with alcoholism. Whether a teetotaller or an alcoholic, a person's liver is subject to a host of diseases which can occur at any age and can, if they result in liver failure, need immediate specialist attention. Liver transplantation — the last resort in treatment for liver disease — has so improved that a recent newspaper report about a three-year-old girl who had been flown in a police helicopter from Wales to King's College Hospital in London for a transplant warranted no more than a small paragraph on the back page. A doctor at the hospital, asked this week about the girl, said: "She continues to make good progress. Why are you so interested in her? She's a routine case, of no special medical interest." Within a generation pioneering surgery has become routine.

Thirty years ago there had been no successful liver transplants in Britain — the first one was done by Professor Roy Calne in 1968. Five years earlier the world's first liver transplant had been carried out in Denver, America, but the patient lived for only five hours. In 1967, also in Denver, a baby survived for 18 months after a transplant but as the liver was still working at the time of death this was heralded as a great success.

The situation is now very different: Professor Roger Williams, director of the Institute of Liver Studies at King's College, London, says that in Britain surgeons are now doing about 650 transplants a year. The time is approaching when the number of donor organs will be inadequate to meet the demand, he says, but at the moment a patient who develops acute liver failure and is otherwise suitable for surgery will spend only two or three days on the "super urgent list" before a suitable liver is available. In chronic cases of liver failure the waiting list is two to six months.

Whereas 30 years ago there was rejoicing when the American baby lived for 18 months, today a patient having a transplant to relieve chronic liver failure has an 80 per cent chance of still being alive and reasonably well in five year's time. The odds are slightly worse for those who need emergency surgery.

The present high success rate in liver transplantation is as much to do with immunology as surgery. Transplant surgery is a team event in which the skill of surgeons, anaesthetists, physicians and immunologists is equally important. The study of rejection, the destruction by the host body of the grafted organ, has become a science of its own. Three types of immunosuppressant drug are used to prevent rejection and they are usually used in combination as they act in different ways. The trick is to use low enough doses of each drug to minimise the chance of serious side effects. But doses must be high enough so that, when combined with the other agents, they prevent rejection.

Azathioprine is usually combined with prednisolone, a steroid, and either cyclosporin or tacrolimus (Prograf). Trials of the newer product Prograf, which was introduced in 1994, have shown it to be superior to cyclosporin in preventing acute rejection and has fewer long-term side effects.

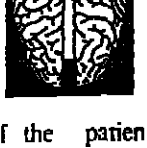
Immunosuppressants play an essential part in maintaining the life of transplant patients, whether young children or cirrhotic old roués. Even the heavy drinker who develops cirrhosis and liver failure is not beyond help. Professor Williams has studied the 5 to 6 per cent of his transplant patients that are heavy drinkers and has found that they do little worse than others after surgery. More than 98 per cent of them gave up heavy drinking, but very few renounced alcohol entirely.

ROSS PARRY

Four-year-old Reeva Weedon, a triple liver transplant patient, is recovering well

Keeping a killer at bay

SINCE there are only about 5,000 cases of motor neurone disease recorded each year in this country, it is not common, but for unknown reasons it is being diagnosed more frequently. The actor David Niven's death made the public aware of its horror.



The introduction of riluzole Rilutek for the treatment of the disease has sent doctors scurrying to their libraries to revise their knowledge of glutamates and glutamic acid. Although the mechanism by which Rilutek works is uncertain, it is thought that it might achieve its results by reducing the amount of glutamate present in the body's tissues.

It is believed that in motor neurone disease glutamate accumulates to toxic levels in the motor neurones and Rilutek inhibits the damage it can cause.

Rilutek prolongs active life in some patients with motor neurone disease but it is not life saving. The manufacturers stress that although it not a "wonder drug", it is the first one which has ever been shown to be of any help in altering the course of the disease.

No comfort for smokers

AS thin women are less likely to develop breast cancer than those who are plump, and as those people who smoke tend to be lean, it might be thought that in smokers the incidence of cancer of the breast would be reduced.

Furthermore, female smokers tend to have an earlier menopause, and although an early menopause has many disadvantages — particularly in relation to cardiovascular disease — it is associated with the reduction in the risk of breast cancer.

However, women addicted to nicotine can't, it seems, take any comfort from these statistics. A large survey reported in the *European Journal of Cancer Prevention* has found that there is no link between smoking and any increased freedom from the chance of developing cancer of the breast.

An itch between close friends

WHEN the German police arrested a 19-year-old petty thief in Hanover they had reason to believe that he had scabies. Although it is unlikely that a burly policeman would be tempted to hold the villain's sweating hand, they decided to take no chances. Rather than offering him a lift to the station they chained him to the police car and made him trot alongside.

Scabies is an unpleasant skin disease spread by close bodily contact. It is found in babies who sleep with their infected parents, and in adults who are not particular about those with whom they share a bed.

The rash is caused by a small mite *Sarcoptes Scabiei* which burrows in the superficial levels of the skin; it initially causes trouble around the wrists, armpits and elbows as well as the genitalia and breasts. The itch, which is worse at night, is so intense that the skin is usually infected by scratching. After the secondary infection has been cleared, the mites are destroyed by the application of such preparations as Quellada or Ascabiol.

A heartening fish tale

A cardiologist finds a novel way of spreading his message

Next time Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, flies to London he should while away the hours by reading a novel written by Dr Frederic Saldmann. Dr Saldmann, a cardiologist who is particularly interested in diet and heart disease, has studied the effect of a high fish intake on patients with coronary disease and in particular those, who like Mr Patten, have had angioplasty — the procedure used to clear coronary arteries.

Dr Saldmann's research has shown that just two fish meals a week provide enough omega 3, the fatty acid found in oily fish, to make a substantial reduction in the likelihood of the diner having a heart attack. Dr Saldmann decided to put across this message in a novel, *Omega 3*, which is now available in Britain.

Before his patients were introduced to the high fish diet, 30-40 per cent of those who had had their coronary arteries cleared by angioplasty suffered obstruction in them again within a year. After taking the fish, the number of patients whose arteries clogged up again so quickly was reduced by half.

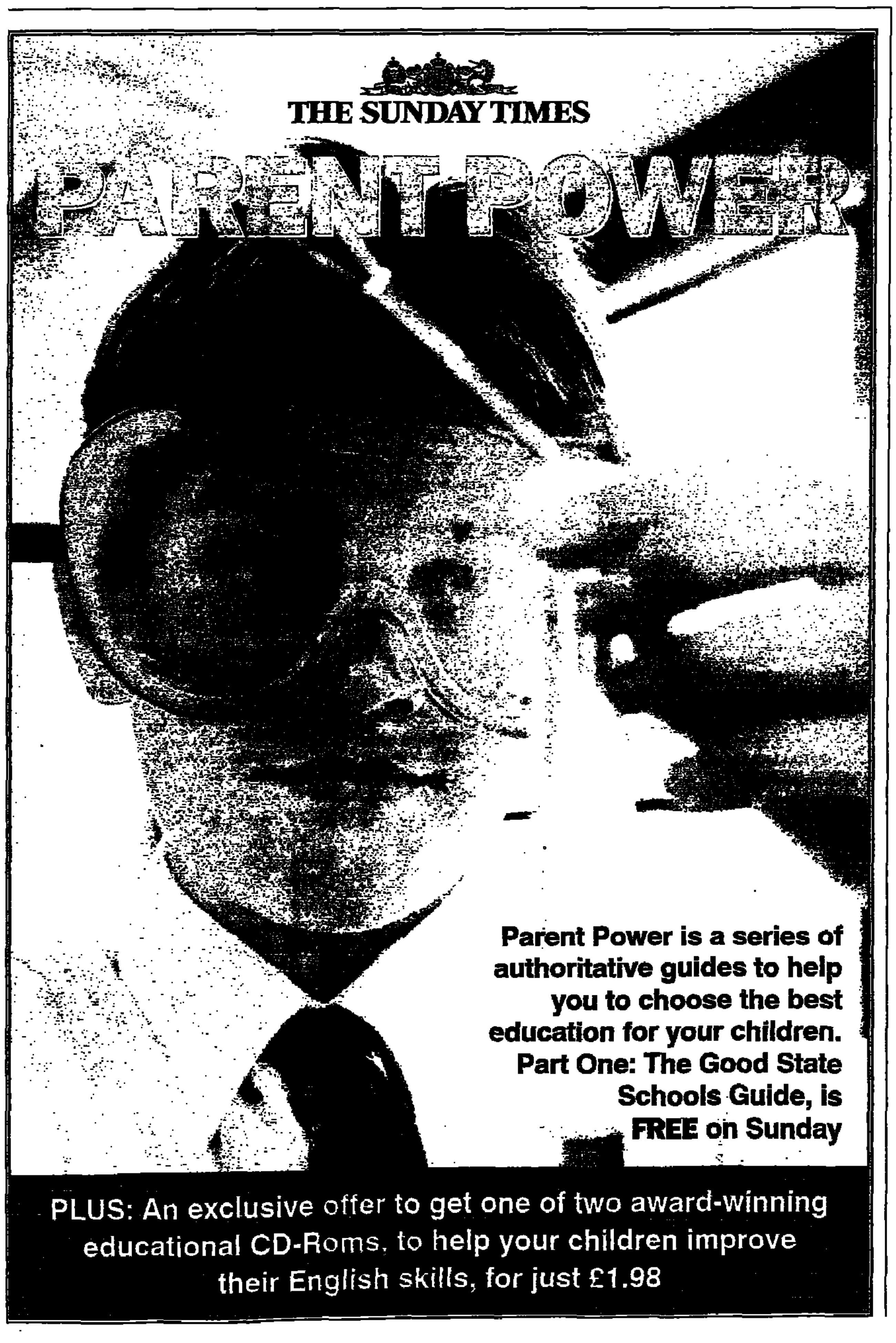
The amount of omega 3 is found in greatest abundance in oily fish such as mackerel, herring, tuna, sardines, eels, salmon and lampreys. The way the fish is cooked is important as it is destroyed by overheating. Smoked salmon, herrings (lightly smoked, as in Norfolk bloaters) or steamed fish leave the omega 3 intact but it's even better if it can be eaten raw.

Dr Saldmann warned against those who try to reduce the risk of heart attacks by taking omega 6, as found in evening primrose oil, sunflower oil and soya, without increasing their amount of omega 3. The balance between the two is all important and taking additional omega 6 without compensating by having more fish oil could be detrimental.

Those who are not enthusiastic cooks can make do with fish oil capsules like Pulse or Maxepa. Others could visit Safeways, where they will find bread or pasta, marketed under the "Heartwatch" label, which is fortified with omega 3, or could choose one of the low-fat spreads, such as Tesco's Life and other stores' Pact which also contain the cardio protective fatty acid.

Omega 3 by Dr Frederick Saldmann is published by Quiller Press at £7.95

Omega 3, the fatty acid found in oily fish, can reduce the chances of having a heart attack



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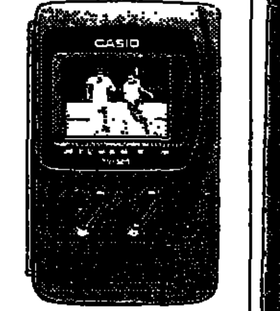

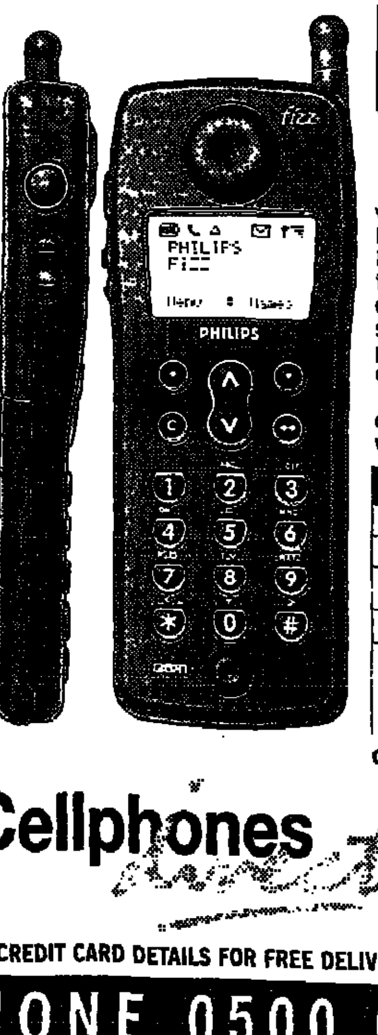

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Maybe I just grew up too soon

Susan Tully explains why she left the security and near six-figure salary offered by *EastEnders* in search of new horizons and a fresh start. Interview by Mary Riddell

MARTIN BEDDALL

Nine months after leaving *EastEnders*, Susan Tully has devised a series for Channel 4. wants to move into directing and is studying for an Open University degree

Exile has not altered Michelle from *EastEnders*. "What are you doing here, 'Chelle?" fans will ask her in the supermarket. puzzled to find her on the wrong continent when, as every soap aficionado knows, she is supposed to be in America.

Susan Tully is well aware of the power of soap opera mythology. For ten years she played Britain's most famous single mother, at first with delight and later with the fear of someone who saw her own life shrivelling away as the power of her character blossomed.

So she got out. New world (theatre in Hull. as it transpired), new horizons, new start. Nine months have passed, and Tully — to her credit — is still defiantly Michelle: drinking tea, smoking Silk Cut, flipping through her copy of *Marie Claire* and, occasionally, bouncing up and down on high-rise plimsolls to inspect her new hairdo in the hotel mirror.

> 'On a bad day, life was a black hole I could fall into'

"What d'you think? Cost me a fortune." she says, in Michelle's North London nasal drone. You may have heard it, resolutely unmodified from *EastEnders* days, on *Genderquake*, the programme on the changing face of society she presented on Channel 4.

You will hear it, slightly muffled, on the football pitches of Ghana, in the next TV round of *Comic Relief*. Tully flies out to Africa tomorrow, the only woman in a 12-strong celebrity football team including Angus Deayton and Skinner and Baddiel. She had brought her sports kit with her so that she could fit in some training at the gym afterwards.

Tully first started kicking a football around on the housing estate where she was brought up, the daughter of a North London watchcasemaker. Hers was the sort of background in which outclassing the rest of the field never looked likely until she was introduced to the Anna Scher theatre, a school adept at nurturing talent in working- class children.

By the time she was nine, she was on television. In her teens, she was a star of *Grange Hill*. At 18, shortly after she left school with four O levels, she won the part in *EastEnders* which would render her secure for life.

Being Michelle encompassed everything she could dream of. A salary close to six figures. An *entrée* into a world of parties and premieres where she could dance and drink with established stars. And, as the role evolved, an acting job with undertones which lifted it from soap to social cleansing agent. On a normal week, her storylines explored meningitis, abortion, HIV and the life of the single mother. On an abnormal one, dinner party conversations hinged on whether or not she would marry Lofty and who the father of her baby might be. Susan Tully, in short, had it made. Her background suggested that she would cling resolutely to lucrative stardom. Real-life Cinderellas and Eliza Dolittles do not normally elect to reverse the script.

Not only did she press the rewind button. She did so with no firm offer of other employment and no certainty, typecast as she was, that she would ever work again. By then she was convinced that her identity was disappearing. Careful as she is to praise her *EastEnders* colleagues, the impression she gives is of an existence which had become narrow and stifling.

Even in the early days, the seeds of dissatisfaction were there. "I was 18, earning ridiculous money, and I lapped it up. I did the whole scene — clubs, parties, getting drunk, having a fab time. Then I just stopped enjoying it. Maybe I grew up too soon.

"I had to work very hard to create a life outside *EastEnders*. Kids aren't told to cope. The only advice we were ever given was not to give our phone number to the press. Anna Scher and mum and dad helped me. They're the business, and they just let me go out and learn.

"I had ten brilliant years. But then I thought: is this all I can do with my life? If I get married and have kids, will I have to tell them that I've spent the last 20 years playing make-believe? I handed my notice in nine months before I left, but I'd thought about it for a year before that.

"On a good day, life seemed like a big, blank canvas. On a bad day, it was a black hole I could fall into. I didn't know what life would be like away from the series, and the only thing I didn't want was to have to do crap to pay the mortgage. *EastEnders* became emotionally and mentally hard work for me. My world was very small and apart from one or two people I never socialised with the cast.

"I liked them all, but that wasn't enough. I could see friends and family enjoying lives that were becoming richer and more varied, and I was the one who was stuck.

"I worked on a worst-case scenario. If I never earned another penny, how long could I exist before I had to sign on? I sorted that out, then for months the words were sitting in my mouth. I want to leave. I knew they would change my life, so I had to be damned sure I wanted it."

EastEnders offered her a vast pay rise, which she declined. They gave her a huge farewell party which induced no nostalgia. Nine months on, she has stayed working, both in theatre and on TV. She has also devised a series for Channel 4, wants to move into directing and — on quiet weeks — sits in her flat in Muswell Hill, north London, and studies for an Open University degree. And still the ghost of Michelle lingers. "It's inevitable that I would be typecast. I'm sure it's happening now, but I don't know how much because it's hard to tell how people perceive you."

Almost certainly as rather brave. Endearingly, she declines to spin any sort of worthy line about how she gave up soap stardom to become a Really Serious Actress. It was just that she needed to do something different. That she has achieved.

In this week's *Genderquake* she got to dress up as a man. She also chaired an hour-long TV debate on the social issues aired by the series; a prospect she regarded as less enticing than having her shins kicked by Skinner and Baddiel.

She didn't know the members of the panel. Academics, think-tankers, people of whom she had never heard. And people who, for the first time in her months of freedom, were mercifully just as unfamiliar with Michelle from *EastEnders*.

Blair's millionaire backer

Labour's richest benefactor is not even a member of the party, says **Philip Delves Broughton**

As Tony Blair shuffles his pack in preparation for the general election, one man who might really make a difference to Labour's chances will be wafting around a cool villa in Provence.

Paul Hamlyn was until recently in hospital in New York recovering from complications after a routine operation. His £500,000 gift to the Labour Party, meanwhile, will be financing more than half of the promotional campaign for their new *Road to the Manifesto*.

Labour's glamour crowd is taking on the pallor of a troupe of ageing Bluebell Girls. At every fundraising event for almost a decade now, the same old faces have been wheeled out: John Mortimer, Stephen Fry, Ken Follett, Jeremy Irons. Hamlyn, on the other hand, never shows up. He is not even a member of the party.

His importance to Labour's bottom line, however, is enormous. A £230 million fortune and a propensity to Maecenan philanthropy makes him a good man to have onside. His charitable trust, set up in 1987, now has assets of £64 million, and has given money to the Bodleian Library in Oxford (£1 million), the Royal Opera House (£200,000 a year), and the National Commission on Education (£1 million).

Hamlyn: ruthless

Despite the size of his donations to Labour, however, he is less socialist than just mildly skewed to the left. His friend and business partner, Sir Terence Conran, attributes this to Hamlyn having grown up under the Labour Government of the late 1940s.

"Our views tend to the left rather than the right and we have a strong belief in democracy. It's not much more complicated than that."

The son of Czech immigrants, Hamlyn changed his name early on from Hamburger. He was tired of being nicknamed "sausage". This self-confessed MEM — "Middle European Melancholic"— grew up in an intellectual St John's Wood family. Aged 22, with an inheritance of £350, he started his publishing business from a barrow in Camden market.

Two fortunes were to follow. The first came when he sold his publishing company in 1964 for £2.25 million. He amassed his next pile when he sold Octopus books to Reed Elsevier for £530 million, personally netting more than £150 million.

Apart from Conran, other close friends include Sir Claus Moser, the former Master of Wadham College, Oxford, and Rupert Murdoch, with whom he worked as joint managing director of News International in the 1970s.

It was through another friend, Lord Owen, that Hamlyn first became involved in politics. "He was one of many previous Labour supporters who helped out with the SDP," says Owen. "He was particularly good advising us on media presentation, but he is not a politician. Paul is by nature on the side of the underdog. He has clear ends and committed views."

Typical of his style of giving was his gift of £100,000 in 1990 for the specific purpose of developing Labour policies for the arts and cultural issues. Every season he buys out seats at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden and distributes them free or at severely cut-price rates to those who could otherwise never afford to go.

Many feel that his charitable and business activities deserve more than just the CBE he received in 1993. What has prevented higher honours is the cocksure attitude he showed when his company published Peter Wright's *Spycatcher*. Friends close to the Tories pressed him to help out the Government by not publishing the book. He said that if he was to be persuaded, "nothing less than a dukedom will do".

Most of the business interests now playing footsie with Labour are doing little more than hedging their bets. The party's celebrity luvvies are squealing that Blair does not show them enough attention. Hamlyn, meanwhile, a dandyish, ruthless, rather sentimental figure, simply hands over his cheque and, seemingly unconcerned, retires to his Provençal home.

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Tears must not blind our MPs

Magnus Linklater on a wise response to Dunblane

Advancing an argument against a tidal wave of human emotion is never an easy thing to do. Anyone who was in Dunblane on March 13, along with queues of harrowed parents waiting to find out whether their children were alive, understands instinctively what they feel about guns. If there was one thing that united them all, apart from their grief, it was the deep conviction that no one, ever again, should have access to the kind of weaponry used by Thomas Hamilton to destroy 17 lives.

As details emerged of the lethal firepower at his disposal, that conviction was reinforced. The overwhelming cry was for handguns to be banned. Dr Mick North, a widower whose only child, a five-year-old girl, was killed, summed up the national sentiment: "For all our sakes, no more guns and no more worship of guns."

It is a view that has since gathered huge support. The Dunblane parents who have lobbied with single-minded intensity for the ownership of all handguns to be banned have collected 700,000 signatures. They have won backing from the Labour Party, from teachers, unions, and the great majority of ordinary voters who have been polled on the issue. Most people, when asked, in the words of one Dunblane campaigner, whether "the rights of 57,000 gun owners outweigh the life of one child" have answered with a resounding "no".

An outright ban on handguns would be impractical

Hence their disgust on learning that not all MPs necessarily agree. The disclosure that the Commons Home Affairs Committee has failed to agree on a united policy on handguns and has come out against a ban on private ownership is regarded as a betrayal of the Dunblane children.

The realisation that it has split along party lines, with six Conservatives outvoting the five Labour members, has only served to compound the anger. The result suggests that an issue which should cut across all party divisions will, when it comes before the House of Commons, degenerate into just another political wrangle.

The immediate reaction, and the easy one, is to assume that once again, vested interests, in the form of the gun lobby, have won the day; that, just as change after the Hungerford massacre was limited to automatic weapons, so Dunblane will be followed by weak and ineffective legislation — a mild tightening of existing laws, a slap on the wrist for police procedures perhaps, a nod in the direction of more efficient vetting of licence applicants. Otherwise the gun clubs and their members will be left largely as they are.

That ignores two things. The first is that what has actually divided the MPs is not so much the principle of restricting handguns as the best way of achieving it. The other is that Lord Cullen, whose exhaustive report on the massacre will be the only one that ultimately matters, is unlikely himself to propose a blanket ban on private ownership. He is all too aware of the impracticality of an all-out prohibition and the risks of driving gun-ownership underground. He is a man who prefers to work with the grain than against it, and I am willing to bet that what he does recommend will be far more effective than some of the instant and emotive solutions which are currently being canvassed.

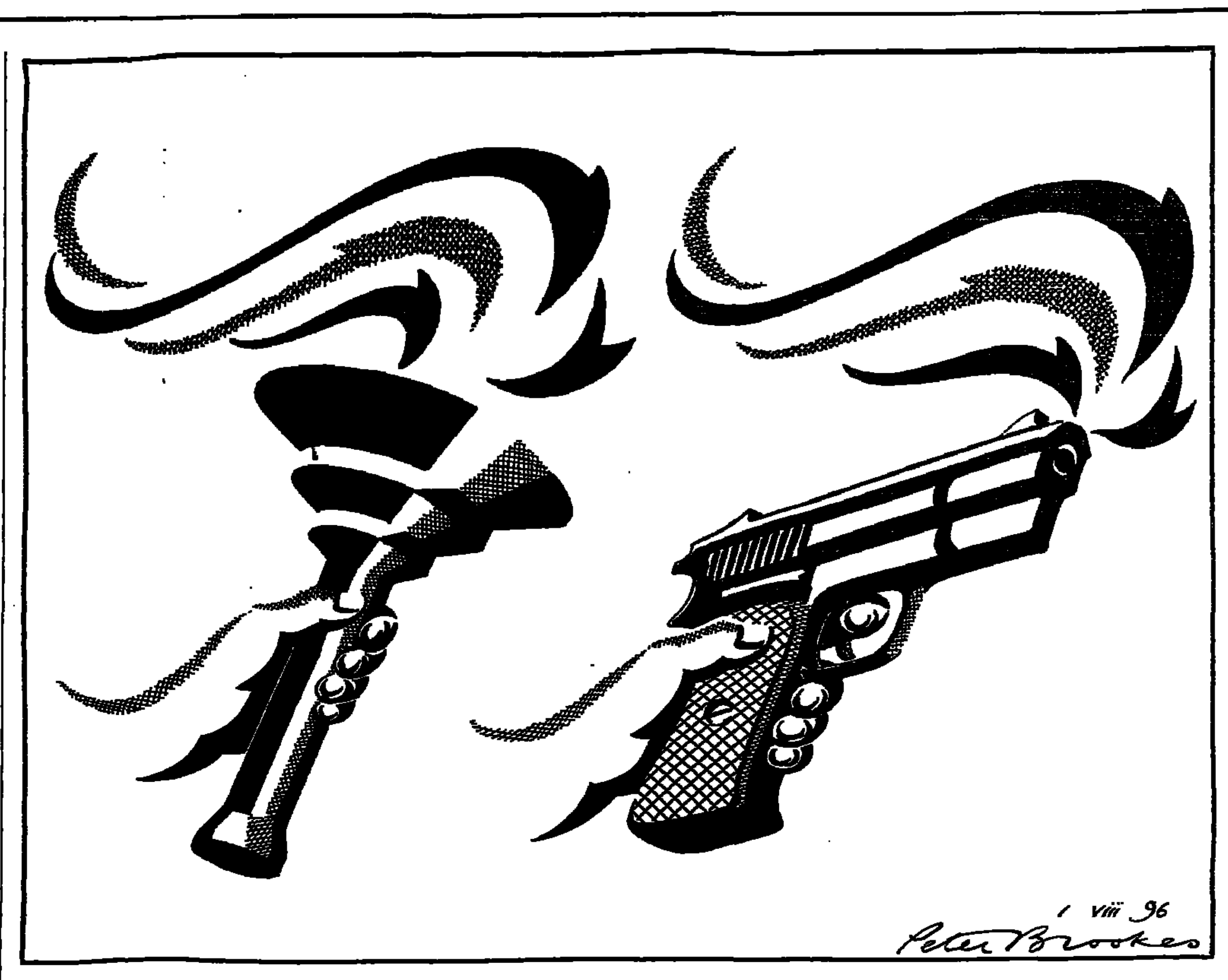
Those who have attended the inquiry have noted the time and attention he has given to striking a balance between the interests of the public and those of the shooting fraternity — though there has been no mistaking in which direction his sympathies lie.

He has shown a particular antipathy towards the use of rapid-firing arms and seems likely to recommend a complete ban on self-loading semi-automatics. He has spent many hours on the inadequacy of procedures for granting firearms certificates, on the legal manufacture of home-produced ammunition, and the means by which a member of a gun club can have access to as many as 25 guns if he wants. All these are likely to feature among his recommendations.

What in the end may be more important, however, is the effect of his conclusions on national attitudes to the culture of the gun. In Australia, where the Port Arthur massacre has had almost as profound an effect on popular opinion as Dunblane, this has been a central feature of the debate. John Howard, the Prime Minister, has won impressive cross-party and inter-state support for legislation banning the use of military-style automatic and semi-automatic rifles by force of a simple argument. He has asked Australians whether they want to pursue the American approach, with its inalienable right to carry guns, or whether they want a safer society. The answer has been resoundingly in favour of the latter, with the result that legislation is likely to be in place by the end of this year despite opposition from a vociferous gun lobby. Handguns have not, as in Britain, been at issue, and will remain legal but can only be held under tightly controlled licence. The types of weapons used by Martin Bryant at Port Arthur will be banned altogether.

Lord Cullen will want to take the public with him in just the same way. But he knows that unless the police, the gun clubs, the doctors, councillors and social services who will all be instrumental in making his recommendations stick are convinced that they are workable, he will have failed in his purpose.

The worst disservice he could do to the Dunblane parents would be to listen too closely to the expressions of outrage that have greeted the Commons committee decision, and to allow the heart to rule the head.



Crown and constitution

We are all stakeholders in the monarchy, guardian of our liberties

William Rees-Mogg

The personal problems of the Royal Family have distracted attention from the much more profound constitutional issues which would have to be faced whatever the royal personalities were. The monarchy is the pivot of Britain's constitutional machinery. Constitutional changes are bound to affect the functioning of the Crown.

This is even true of the proposal to remove hereditary peers from the House of Lords. That would leave the monarchy, with the hereditary offices of the Court itself, as the only survivor of the hereditary part of the British constitution. The exclusion of hereditary peers would be a further attack on the hereditary idea itself, an idea which once seemed so natural but now seems quite unnatural to many people. Anything which isolates the monarchy probably tends to weaken it, and the abolition of hereditary peers would be a small step towards an elective presidency.

Scottish devolution is potentially a much greater problem. Its critics argue that the proposed Scottish parliament will inevitably quarrel with the Westminster Parliament and will eventually lead to the breakup of the United Kingdom. In theory, an independent Scotland could choose to become a member of the Commonwealth, while retaining the Queen as Queen of Scotland. Canada, Australia and New Zealand have kept the Queen so far, though there is strong republican feeling in all three countries. Yet if Scotland does break away from the United Kingdom, it is likely to be as a result of angry controversies which may portray the Crown as an English institution, despite its long Scottish history. There is at least a strong possibility that an independent Scotland would become some sort of European republic.

The Welsh case is more remote, but is still quite difficult. The Welsh Nationalists certainly regard the Crown as an alien English institution, and have made noisy protests against the Queen herself. Indeed, the monarch is more remote in Wales than in Scotland, where Holyrood, Balmoral and the Queen's role in the Scottish Church form strong historic links. There is no royal home in Wales, and it may now be too late to establish one; it might merely become a focus for nationalist protests.

These devolution issues are much more important than those of the House of Lords; the European issues are even more important than those of devolution. If Britain fulfils the full intentions of the Maastricht treaty, and becomes a subordinate province in a single European state, with a single currency, a single tax system, a powerful court, a powerful parliament and a single voice in foreign affairs and defence, what role will the seven surviving Royal Families of the European Union still have? The nearest parallels are those of German history. The European monarchs will resemble the sub-monarchs of the Prussian Empire before 1914. They will be more like grand duchies than independent thrones. If Britain loses its international independence, then the monarchy, as the symbol of our nationhood, will lose its independence as well.

PAUL ARMIGER

The Queen in Parliament: tradition underpinning reform

That might look like a triumph for democracy, but it would not be. It would be a triumph for the bureaucratic principle and for the European political class which fills the bureaucratic posts. Even if the European Parliament succeeds in enlarging its powers, as it may, it would still be an inadequate counterweight to the bureaucratic government of Europe, over which the voters have next to no control. We cannot vote out Brussels. It is ironic that the triumph of the democratic over the hereditary principle in Britain which would be represented by the abolition of the hereditary peers may coincide with the triumph of the bureaucratic over the democratic principle in Europe. The 20th century may have seen both the morning and the afternoon of European democracy.

In the modern British constitution, the function of the Crown is to be a focus for the unity, the independence and the democracy of the United Kingdom. So long as the United Kingdom remains united, independent and democratic, the Crown will remain as a powerful symbol of national identity.

If the United Kingdom disintegrates, and British democracy is subsumed in a European bureaucracy, the Crown will have lost its function, but the British people will have lost their liberty. We are all, in the new Labour phrase, stakeholders in the monarchy.

On these constitutional issues, which could change the whole functioning of the monarchy within the period of the next Parliament, the Queen can have only one chief adviser, the Prime Minister of the day. There could be a difficulty in this. The long-term constitutional interests of the Crown and the interests of a party which is only temporarily in office are not necessarily identical.

The Queen has the constitutional right "to advise, to encourage and to warn". She is certainly entitled to test these issues in detail with her Prime Minister. She is entitled to satisfy herself that he has fully taken into account the impact on the monarchy of the constitutional decisions of the Government: indeed it is her job.

She can only do that if her immediate civil servants, the senior Court officials, are the equals in weight and experience of the Prime Minister's civil servants in handling these matters. The Queen needs to be as well briefed on all these constitutional issues as will be the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Foreign Secretary and the Prime Minister himself. She has great personal experience, but that cannot be enough to enable her to ask all the detailed questions which the monarch — any monarch — ought to ask. David Heathcoat-Amory resigned partly because he feels that there is a Civil Service tide in the direction of a European federal government which no individual minister — even in the Treasury or Foreign Office — can effectively question. On all these issues, the Queen is in the Heathcoat-Amory trap. It takes a bureaucracy to question the onward march of a rival bureaucracy through the committee rooms — it is impossible even for a prime minister on his own.

If the Crown's proper input into these constitutional discussions is to be adequately prepared, there will need to be reinforcement at Windsor. This is not the job for which the present Court officials were hired; what the Queen now needs is the advice of people who have seen the world from the point of view of a permanent secretary or a senior ambassador. She must have her own heavyweights if she is not to be overwhelmed in the Whitehall battles of the small print. It was, after all, the small print of the Act of Settlement, 1701, which put her on the throne.

The title is more than academic

Roger Scruton wants fewer professors

Professor was once a rare title in Britain, a mark of distinction which indicated that someone had competed successfully for a chair. Chairs were few and far between, and the privileges attached to them carried a duty to live up to the title. This was especially so in my own field of philosophy, where posts named after benefactors or famous people stood like beacons above the intellectual landscape. Whoever occupied the White's Chair of moral philosophy or the Wykeham Chair of logic at Oxford did so not because he was good at a certain job but because he was as eminent as an academic philosopher could be.

The reputation of those chairs remains. But by an inexorable process, the title of professor has lost its dignity. The expansion of the universities during the 1950s and 1960s produced a plethora of chairs, and only a meagre fund of talent from which to fill them. It was inevitable that the curriculum, too, would then expand, in order to provide for students who lacked the capacity for scholarship and needed "relevance" instead. New subjects were constructed for political rather than intellectual reasons: cultural studies, social work, media studies, women's studies, peace studies, "education", and international relations — each with its salaried professoriat, its "learned" journals, "peer assessment", and higher degrees. Finally, in a move to which almost no one objected, the polytechnics were renamed as universities, so that a new wave of "university professors" emerged from the ranks of those who were so intellectually feeble that they had not been able to obtain a university lectureship even during the Sixties, when lectureships were two a penny.

It is not surprising, then, that Oxford academics, who could obtain the title of professor in the twinkle of an eye elsewhere, should have pressed the university to confer it on them in any case. In a heroic gesture of capitulation, Oxford has created 162 new professors, who will have the title but no chairs, so that only those who are already able to tell the difference between first-rate and second-rate scholarship will know which Oxford professor truly deserves the title. And for such people the title serves no function in any case.

Does this matter? I am inclined to think that it does. One of the valuable features of the British university system is that intellectual distinction has always been recognised as a good in itself — a good that has nothing to do with teaching or administration. The title of professor was the sign of this. You knew that someone who enjoyed it stood above the heads of his colleagues: his works and thoughts were to that extent more worthy of study, and he himself more worthy of esteem. There was an intellectual status to which the academic life could lead, which had no equivalent in terms of money or power, and which was also recognised by the world outside. The title was a public acknowledgement of this status and a way in which the university legitimised its scholarly isolation.

In America, the title of professor is borne by every university teacher. Professor *means* teacher; and to be called professor is no different from being called "sir" by children in a classroom. This suits the American temperament and it accords with the egalitarian nature of American education, in which any student, however dismal his talents, can collect a degree, simply by signing on for the right courses and repeating what his "professor" wants to hear. The "grade inflation" which affects American degrees affects also the titles of those who teach for them. For every Professor Quine or Kripke, there are a hundred others teaching Elvis, aerobics, *feminism*, *marketing*, football, "queer theory" or whatever is in your professor's head today.

The professors themselves begin to see their role in political terms, hoping thereby to attract the admiration of their students and the attention of the world outside. Political correctness is one result of this. Another is the literature of American feminism: attention-seeking screams from small-minded hysterics, for whom the title of professor is the beginning and not the end of their labours. In such circumstances, to be a professor is less a mark of distinction than a licence to bore.

Many complaints have been made against the politicisation of our universities. Until now, however, these complaints have been largely ungrounded. By holding on to the distinction between the university and the polytechnic, our educational system explicitly acknowledged the difference between disinterested learning and the pursuit of "relevance".

Little by little, however, we are moving in the American direction, where there will be a degree for every student, and a title for every teacher. Only those who already have an education will know where to look for it; while those who have no education will encounter it only by chance.

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Bad korma

NOWHERE has Ian Botham and Allan Lamb's libel defeat been greeted with more sorrow than at the Indus Indian restaurant in Doncaster. Botham had booked his favourite curry house for a triumphal feast this weekend and eyes were watering in anticipation of a blow-out to make even his binges look like afternoon tea at Lord's.

Botham is booked to take a party of 15 for a night out at the restaurant owned by Karim Din, who acted as a character witness for him in the trial. A special fresh lobster banquet was planned by staff, who are clearly in awe of Beefy's prodigious appetite.

"He eats a lot of food. He can eat a hell of a lot," says Din's son, John, reverently. "He's been coming here for about 20 years and we send him food for his charity walks. He loves his onion bhajis. We gave him 300 to last the week last time. He can eat them."

A week's provisions to blast Botham on his way doesn't stop there. "A hundred spare wings (sic), 120 seekh kebabs, 100 mincemeat kebabs, 60 tandoori chickens, 50 king prawns, 130 chicken tikkas and 40 portions of rice," lists John of one Botham order. "He had a few friends with him." At the Indus they hope Botham will still drop in to cheer himself up. "But perhaps it will be a little less extravagant." Local residents are said to be more than a little relieved.

Shove over

THERE has been an extra edge to the sweaty struggles in the Olympic freestyle wrestling ring, where brother has been pitched against brother. Luchman and Elmadi Zhabrailov are Chechens who refused to compete for Russia because of the political situation. So Luchman, 34, turned out for Moldavia and Elmadi, 30, was adopted by faraway Kazakhstan. On Tuesday they were drawn against each other. It was a slippery and close-run thing but youth won the day.

"In our culture youth respects the elders and it's the young guys who lose to the older guys," moaned Luchman. But there was no bitterness. Elmadi is now going for gold and the coach shouting him on from the corner is one Luchman Zhabrailov. "Wrestling him is like wrestling me," said Elmadi.

Bye line

RUMOURS at the *Evening Standard*, London's local newspaper, were flying faster than grouse over heather moors yesterday with journalists expecting an imminent announcement about their tweedy Editor and liberator of Port Stanley, Max Hastings.

Ever since Max's overlord Sir David English was seen taking lunch recently with Dominic Lawson, the Editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*, gossip-mongers have been hard at it. A fishing holiday to Iceland with the paper's proprietor Lord Rothermere confirmed their worst fears: Rothermere was letting the old boy down gently, perhaps with a "promotion" upstairs.

But by yesterday evening, as hardened newsmen became quivering jellies in the fevered atmosphere, no announcement came. Max was on another holiday, with his friend Michael Green, head of Carlton, and executives began to reassure themselves. "I've never known a rumour about an Editor that has been right," said one. There's always a first time.

Class acts

SCHOOLBOY Geordies are advised to ignore any careers advice offered by Ram Wallace, deputy headmaster of Gosforth High School, Newcastle. Ten years ago, he told Alan Shearer that a career in professional football might not be such a good idea. A £15 million transfer later, and Wallace's advice ranks with Daedalus's suggestion that Icarus go get himself a tan: "When Alan said he wanted to be a professional footballer I said: 'Pull the other one.'"

Worse, Shearer was not the first pupil Wallace had poorly advised. He also told the guitarist Mark Knopfler that his adolescent strumming was leading nowhere. Knopfler of course then found Croesan riches with Dire Straits, the hugely successful pop group.

Family politics

VIRGINIA Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, is empire building. Yet another member of the extended Bottomley family is now involved in politics. But Tristram Hunt, her cousin, is working as a backroom boy for the Labour leader, Tony Blair.

Tristram's mother, Perdita Hunt, is well-placed as the head of communications at the National Heritage Memorial Fund, which allocates lottery funds, and she is directly accountable to Mrs Bottomley. Young Tristram, who just picked up a First in History from Trinity College, Cambridge, started a few days ago in Blair's office at the House of Commons. The job is not too exacting: he only spends two days a week there.

David Wynne: Princess's trust?

● *While his estranged wife cuts her links with 100 charities, the Prince of Wales will be taking unusual interest in one particular charity. Press reports at the weekend focused on a fine-looking chap by the name of David Wynne, an administrator with the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts who's off to work for the Princess. Prince Charles is ABSA's patron.*

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LACK OF VISION

Oflot needs better direction

The Office of the National Lottery's self-proclaimed "vision" is to be "recognised as the independent regulator... and to play our part in ensuring that the UK National Lottery becomes the best run lottery in the world". Though it pronounces no verdict on these ambitions, it is hard to imagine that the Public Accounts Committee believes that Oflot has yet hit this target. Yesterday its MPs charged Oflot's Director-General, Peter Davis, with "serious errors of judgment" and spelled out defects in the supervision and choice of the lottery operators, Camelot. The report underlines that Oflot cannot realise its aims under Mr Davis.

As the State transfers economic activity from its own domain to the private sector, so the importance of ensuring high-quality regulation grows. Successful regulation requires integrity, transparency and judgment. These elements must combine effectively not only to ensure that the regulator acts "with all due propriety" but so that everyone can feel sure that there is no possibility of impropriety. Nobody has suggested that Mr Davis breached any rules by accepting travel in America from a firm taking an important role in the establishment of the lottery. The award of the lottery franchise had already been made when Mr Davis travelled, and he declared the journeys.

What understandably surprised the MPs was that Mr Davis had difficulty seeing that taking free flights from a lottery contractor might raise questions about his impartiality. The simplest way to avoid clouding a regulatory organisation's reputation is to avoid activities incompatible with strict, evident neutrality. As the rebukes from both the Select Committee and the Heritage Secretary have implied, Mr Davis's mistake was not a failure to respect rules, but a failure to realise that the taxpayer would happily have paid for his flights in order to leave his office untainted by suspicion.

The charge that Mr Davis has exercised his responsibilities in a passive and unimaginative way runs through the MPs other criticisms of Oflot's reluctance to be tougher with Camelot. The committee's extended interview with Mr Davis corroborates this charge more convincingly than the MPs' report itself. Mr Davis is revealed as instinctively reluctant to act in the open and as a man with a feeble grasp of serving the public interest. The picture now assembled of how Mr Davis came to select Camelot was only put together with difficulty in separate inquiries by the National Audit Office and by the Public Accounts Committee. In Oflot's recent annual report, Mr Davis hints at his objection to being second-guessed by remarking that his balance of priorities "can easily be criticised by those who would prefer a different judgment to have been made". The carping, in other words, is sour grapes from disappointed bidders.

If Mr Davis aimed this barb at the MPs, the claim is absurd. The committee does not say that Camelot should not have been awarded the franchise for the lottery. They do repeatedly say that the way in which the factors were weighed left them worried. Their report is not designed to make Mr Davis change his mind but to get him to take a wider view of his task. They several times urge Oflot's Director-General to take "a more active approach" or a "strong and active role", plainly irritated by Mr Davis's restricted definition of his duties. Should it really be necessary for the MPs to spell out to Mr Davis that he should ensure that all bidders are treated fairly? The MPs thought they needed to, because Mr Davis had reminded them that he had no legal duty to promote competition or a level playing field.

The committee's report leaves one impression clear above all: Mr Davis is not up to his job. Mrs Bottomley, who appointed him, should act accordingly.

CRIMES OF CONSCIENCE

Sincere ideals are no grounds for acquittal

A clear conscience cannot excuse what to many appears obvious criminal behaviour. The female members of a Christian peace group acquitted of criminal damage to a Hawk fighter jet are sincere women of previous good character but they are also responsible for thousands of pounds worth of damage. Their friends and supporters may rejoice at their freedom but broader liberties are threatened by suggestion that the law may be defied and property wantonly damaged in the name of principle.

Three women, Lotta Kronlid, Andrea Needham and Joanna Wilson, walked free after a Liverpool jury heard how they broke into a British Aerospace factory and caused some £1.5 million worth of damage to a jet. A fourth woman, Angela Zelter, who did not join the three saboteurs but helped plan the attack was acquitted of conspiracy. The women made no attempt to deny the damage but argued they did not have the criminal intent to be convicted. They defended themselves on the ground that they were averting a greater crime by stopping the aircaft being used by the Indonesian government to terrorise occupied East Timor. The jury were happy to accept that the women did not have the necessary criminal intent to be convicted.

Sympathy for the women's political position would not be misplaced. Since Indonesia illegally occupied East Timor, a former Portugese colony, in 1975 nearly 200,000 people have been killed by the Government, according to Amnesty International estimates. Indonesia's President Suharto is ailing but his armed forces still display a brutal vigour in suppressing the rights of the East Timorese people. They have done so equipped and, sometimes, trained by the West.

Anger is understandable. But there is no justification for resorting to vandalism to advertise injustice. That way anarchy lies. In a democracy like the United Kingdom impassioned protesters can organise, petition, write, lobby, hector and march. Sound arguments and good organisation can sway opinion and influence governments. Damaging private property is not the way to change public policy. The four women may have been sincere but then so, in their way, are the anti-vivisectionists and Irish republicans who defy the law in the name of ideology. If individual conscience is to be the ultimate court of appeal then there can be no guarantee of the order on which liberty depends. From Robespierre to Raskolnikov those who have placed their principles above the established law have found themselves moral desperadoes.

Justice should, of course, always be tempered with mercy, but that is the judge's duty, not the jury's. In the past juries have acquitted the guilty in order to spare petty offenders cruel punishments or, in Clive Ponting's case, because they may have believed the Official Secrets Act was being used to protect the party in Government and not the State. But it is dangerous for any jury to lay aside the law and prefer empathy to evidence. Justice is blindfold for a reason. The political colouring of an action should be irrelevant to questions of guilt or innocence. The Liverpool four admit their vandalism, and the court that allows them to escape the consequences of their actions is sending a wrong signal to many impassioned protestors.

PIG-HOO-O-O-O-EY!

Great Britain could win Olympic gold when pigs might fly

Pig-racing sounds a comical as well as an unpredictable event. The Gadarene tendency of pigs to stampede when prodded in any direction other than their own thrawn way would lead to more false starts and opportunist jostling than even Linford Christie makes. The low undercarriages and short trotters of pigs are not made for jumping. Nevertheless, a steeplechase for pigs was held yesterday at the Clogher Valley agriculture show in County Tyrone. There were 20 races for three dozen yearling Duroc large white Landrace crosses. They scampered down a track of 100 metres, jumping fences a foot high. And the runners ran under such whimsical names as Lester Piggott and Douglas Hogg.

But pig-racing is intrinsically no more absurd than women's football or synchronised swimming seemed a century ago. In the primitive modern Olympics men competed at rope-climbing, shooting pigeons, and 100 metres swimming for sailors. These are events no stranger to an objective observer than racing pigs. Horses have longer legs and were painted by Stubbs. But dressage is as bizarre as flying pigs.

Pig has been turned into a joke by the obsolescent and dietetically incorrect British breakfast of bacon and eggs, and by modern factory farming of pigs caged in stalls, and fed on rations of protein pellets that will soon lead to a scare about mad pig disease. But pig was a fierce hero before he was domesticated. Mythology bristles with destructive and elusive boars that had to be hunted by the hero as a ritual ordeal. The pig often won. And pig was the ferocious symbol of English kings and the old English forest patrolled by swineherds for the mast.

The English have a familiar relationship with their domestic animals. Dogs look up to them. Cats look down at them. But pigs recognise them for what they are, and look them straight in the eye. Samuel Johnson, England's secular saint, saw their potential. "Pigs are a race unjustly calumniated. Pig has, it seems, not been wanting to man, but man to pig. We do not allow him time for his education; we kill him at a year old."

The British invented sports and codified them in the 19th century. Most sports and games, from cock-fighting to cricket and pugilism were attractive as a spectacle for wasting time away from work and making money by betting. So the Prime Minister and Minister for Sport need hold no post mortems over Britain's "lack of medals" at the Atlanta Olympics. The Games are for individuals. They should not be league tables of chauvinism. Other countries have learnt the rules since London in 1908, when Britain won 56 gold, 50 silver and 39 bronze medals, some for sports odder than pig-racing. But with a committee and codes of conduct for the pig sport, Britain could win gold at Sydney in 2000. No doubt Wisconsin pig-breeders would have a call to make their pigs run faster. But British pigs would have a flying start over the squat Vietnamese pigs from the Pacific nations who are so mortifyingly ahead of us at Atlanta.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Choice of new UN Secretary-General

From Mr D. John Shaw

Sir, For one who worked in the service of the United Nations system for over thirty years, your news and leader, "After Boutros" (July 25), about the continuing squabbles over the appointment of the next Secretary-General of the United Nations is a reminder of the urgency of arriving at a rational formula for electing the leader of the world's most important institution.

The role of the UN will become even more important in the years ahead as the interlocking crises of population, food, employment, migration, money and debt, energy, environment and human security — all with global dimensions, demanding global solutions — take their toll.

A number of proposals have already been made in the general debate on UN reform concerning the electoral process for the Secretary-General. These include: serious consideration by governments of the necessary qualifications for the post; a single seven-year term; cessation of individual campaigning; agreed rules concerning nominations and a timetable for elections; well organised search for the best candidates worldwide; inclusion of women as candidates; high-level consideration of candidates by governments; and avoidance of an election or selection process that would result in the appointment of the "lowest common denominator".

Is it not time that rules of appointment are drawn up before the process for choosing the next Secretary-General begins? The job and the institution are too important for the old habits to continue.

Yours hopefully,
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July 25.

From the Director of the United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Sir, Your leading article today is far from fair towards Dr Boutros Boutros Ghali and what he has tried to do during his term of office. It makes no mention of the important "Agenda for Peace" which was published in 1992 and subsequently added to; and no mention of the struggles which he endured when the Security Council served our mandates to him in various war zones while failing to give him the resources needed to carry them out.

Nor does it mention his efforts, in a very hostile climate of naked monetarism among some of the protagonists, to seek a renewal of sustainable development priorities and environmental protection.

It is, in our view, quite disgraceful for the American Administration, the biggest debtor to the UN (as you point out), to sound off publicly on the suitability or otherwise of Dr Boutros Ghali for a second term in office. It opens up for close scrutiny the scandal of the veto in a decision which should surely involve all 185 members of the United Nations.

This association has long argued for a proper evaluation of the major challenges and priorities facing the next Secretary-General, of the characteristics he or she should possess, and of how an impartial search should be structured. As you rightly say, the question of single non-renewable appointments should be very seriously considered, with adequate safeguards being built in to ensure that what proves to be a wrong choice can be dealt with.

In the end, it is the quality of the person to fulfil the identified role which is of supreme importance, with gender, regional origin and other criteria being subject to that quality assessment.

Yours sincerely,
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Have no fear

From Mr P. E. Crapnell

Sir, It may seem odd to find holy books in dentists' waiting rooms (letters, July 23, 25, 27). Conversely, on occasion they are not found where they should be.

Many years ago I became aware that it was the practice of one disorganised solicitor to administer oaths to the unsuspecting not on the New Testament but on a copy of Collins "Gem" Dictionary.

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP E. CRAPNELL,
Knowle,
Brockley Grove,
Hutton Mount, Brentwood, Essex.
July 26.

From Mr John Harding

Sir, Mr Roger Cookson notes with dread that his dentist keeps a Bible in his waiting room.

Why dread? It is only reasonable that a dentist or any other medic should keep the maker's manual to hand.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HARDING,
1 Jennings Road,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
July 24.

Insiders' recollections of Suez crisis

From Sir Brian Barder

Sir, Lord Rees-Mogg's "insider view" of Suez 40 years on ("How Eden erred at Suez", July 25) strikes me as extraordinary, more for what it leaves out than for what it says.

We are apparently to think that the whole disastrous episode was attributable to understandable political misjudgments by Eden and Nasser.

Not a word about the fraudulent conspiracy with the French; nor about the intentional creation of a situation in which we would claim the right to intervene to stop what we had conspired to start; nor about the deliberate misrepresentation of the grounds for our attack on Egypt; nor about the lies to Parliament and to the British electorate and to the United Nations and to our allies; nor about the grubby way in which even most of our own diplomats were kept in the dark about what our ministers were up to — only a glancing reference to "secret collusion with Israel".

Such a selective memoir of these disgraceful events coming from one who, by his own account, was working for Eden at the time, is bound to raise an eyebrow.

Yours sincerely,
BRIAN BARDER
(Colonial Office, 1957-64;
HM Diplomatic Service, 1965-94),
10 Melrose Road, SW18.
July 25.

From Sir Donald Logan

Sir, Your reviewer (Arts, July 25) of Radio 4's *Suez 1956* correctly quotes "an official in Selwyn Lloyd's Foreign Office" (myself) as saying on the programme that it was British policy to free the canal "by negotiation, with war as a last resort". He comments: "That may have been the official version but the facts point in a different direction."

That comment, and the programme on which it was based, are wrong: my statement — based on observation at first hand — remains amply justified.

From a few weeks after the nationalisation, until 14 days before the resort to force, a massive negotiating process was sustained. It included a mission to Nasser drawn from five widely different countries led by the Australian Prime Minister. By the beginning of October the British Foreign Secretary was deeply engaged in negotiation at the United Nations with the Egyptian Foreign Minister, the French Minister and the Secretary-General.

Of course military planning proceeded in parallel from the start. It would have been folly to delay it until the need for force was established.

True, Eden may have held little hope of negotiation. But many of his colleagues, including the Foreign Secretary, were sincere in this. It was the report of the military that their plans, as developed, could not be applied after the autumn that made the French proposal for concerted action with Israel attractive and urgent to Eden, halting the negotiation and bringing about the "last resort".

Yours sincerely,
DONALD LOGAN
(Assistant Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, 1956-58),
6 Thurloe Street, SW7.
July 30.

From Mr Donald Bush

Sir, William Rees-Mogg surprisingly does not mention the most disastrous by-product of Eden's Suez adventure. At a time when Khrushchev was holding back his tanks outside Budapest, uncertain and fearful of the West's reaction to any aggressive move on his part, Eden's futile adventure was a heaven-sent signal that our priorities were elsewhere. The atrocity of Budapest followed.

Yours faithfully,
D. BUSH,
1 Court Drive,
Waddon, Croydon, Surrey.
July 25.

Nelson in Naples

From Mr George Tabor

Sir, Nelson's meddling in Neapolitan affairs and his treachery on the surrender terms are nicely glossed over in Tom Pocock's article, "Nelson, not by halves" (July 23), on the call by Italian historians for Britain to apologise for the hanging of Commodore Francesco Caracciolo on June 29/30, 1799.

With disastrous results, Nelson had encouraged Ferdinand IV, King of the Two Sicilies, to launch an ill-fated land attack on the French garrison at Rome. When the defeated Ferdinand crept back in disguise he was hastily evacuated from Naples to Sicily, where he remained grouse shooting and out of touch.

Caracciolo, Ferdinand's most eminent naval officer, stayed behind at Naples — a man who had no love for the French, and had actually fought alongside Nelson in a British fleet against the French at Genoa in 1795. But, like many other enlightened aristocrats, he loathed Ferdinand both for his unenlightened rule and his craven flight.

When the republicans finally surrendered, the terms agreed by the royalist leaders ensured all French and rebel troops safe conduct to France.

Nelson arrived on the scene and unilaterally annulled this agreement, without reference to Ferdinand. Caracciolo was brought before Nelson and sentenced to death by a royalist court within 24 hours — a disgraceful act of betrayal, rightfully remembered today by all educated Italians, in an otherwise illustrious career.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE TABOR,
Winscott Farm, Soulbury,
Leighton Buzzard, Buckinghamshire.
July 23.

From Mr Alfred Latham-Koenig

Sir, Tom Pocock attributes the "uncharacteristic ruthlessness" of Nelson at Naples in 1799 principally to his "disturbed state of mind", following recent wounds and his conflict with his superior, Lord Keith, etc.

I think Lord Holland, in his *Memoirs of the Whig Party*, is nearer the truth when he writes of Lady Hamilton's "baneful ascendancy" over Nelson's mind as the chief cause of his conduct at Naples. We know moreover that King Ferdinand's wife, Queen Maria Carolina, who was a sister of Queen Marie Antoinette, had a visceral hatred of "Jacobins" and urged Lady Hamilton to use her great influence on Nelson to ensure that he showed no mercy to the Neapolitan republicans.

Yours faithfully,
ALFRED LATHAM-KOENIG,
23 Nassington Road, NW3.
July 28.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. G. Winstanley (retd)

Sir, I permitted myself a wry smile on reading that Nelson has been branded a war criminal in Italy.

During the 1960s, whilst I was living in Denmark and serving at a Nato headquarters there, I learned from my Danish friends that Nelson is regarded as a war criminal in Denmark, too. This is the result of his action at Copenhagen, in 1801, when, in disregard of his superior's orders, he continued the bombardment of the neutral Danish fleet.

Yours faithfully,
R. G. WINSTANLEY,
6 Ravenscourt Road,
Rough Common, Canterbury, Kent.
July 25.

From Mr Richard Benyon

Sir, If Italy wants an apology for Nelson's actions, will we get one for Caesar's?

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BENYON,
The Lambdens,
Beenham, Reading, Berkshire.
July 25.

Unconverted

From the Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury

Sir, I was intrigued by the assertion in your leader of July 24, "A depressing reshuffle", that I held European "federalist" views. Astonished by my sudden apparent conversion from a long-standing belief in open markets, non-intervention in industry and smaller rather than larger units of government, I scanned records of my recent comments to find evidence for your claim but can find none.

Classical liberal maybe. Even Gladstonian Liberal at a pinch. Mild Eurosceptic, possibly. But Euro-federalist? I don't think so.

Yours faithfully,
PHILLIP OPPENHEIM,
Exchequer Secretary
to the Treasury,
HM Treasury,
Parliament Street, SW1.
July 30.

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Rape victims' distress

From the Director of Victim Support

Sir, Home Office research shows that only a small percentage of women who are raped feel able to report the crime to the police and give evidence in court.

Of those who do, many have described the cross examination in court as being a humiliating event during which they are forced to relive the trauma of the rape in distressing detail.

It is therefore an outrage that the Japanese student who was raped should be expected to endure 31 hours over 12 days in the witness box and be subjected to repetitive cross-examination by each of the six defendants' counsel ("Rape victim will not tell parents", July 25).

I urge the Bar Council to review this case and consider whether better practices should be introduced to ensure that victims in rape cases do not have to suffer such treatment in the future.

Yours sincerely,
HELEN REEVES,
Director,
Victim Support,
Cranmer House,
39 Brixton Road, SW9.
July 26.

Unbound glories of the ancient foot

From Mr John Leatham

Sir, Giles Coren is justified in being offended by the spectacle of most English feet on holiday ("Turned off by a summer of ugly feet", July 26). The bare human foot should be a beautiful element of our remarkable anatomy (and is the one with perhaps the most complex and wonderful of our bone structures).

Take a look at the feet of the 5th-century BC life-size bronze statue of the Charioteer in the museum at Delphi, Greece, described a while ago by an American woman journalist as "the sexiest pair of feet in Europe". Presumably she knew. Or look at the feet, whether nude or sandalled, of other figures carved or modelled in antiquity, or indeed in later centuries. They possess an uncontrived beauty, typical of natives of Mediterranean lands.

The ugly human foot Mr Coren abhors is the product of our habit of confining growing feet in footwear too small and distorting. Our climate still dictates we do not go barefoot in all seasons, but our footware and habits should allow for the uninhibited growth of our feet.

Indoors at most times and outdoors in clement season (and litter-free places) toddlers especially, but children and indeed adults, should go unshod. Their feet would then be a visual delight, as nature intended them to be, for both Mr Coren and other discerning beholders of the generality of English feet. Moreover, the possessors of such feet would enjoy both pedal comfort and personal satisfaction, albeit perhaps narcissistic.

Sandals whose design replicated any of the elegant and practical (no-buckles) models worn in antiquity would certainly not detract from, though they might not enhance, the natural beauty of the untramelled human foot.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN LEATHAM,
Platchaig, Kilmorack,
Beauly, Inverness-shire.
July 26.

From Mr J. H. Wiberg

Sir, Big toes shorter than the next toe are not usually the result of injury. This was, in fact, an arrangement favoured by the classical sculptors.

Yours sincerely,
J. H. WIBERG,
11 Oakenbrow,
Sway, Lymington, Hampshire.
July 26.

Olympic failure

From Mr D. A. G. Simpson

Sir, I have long admired the dexterity with which you interpret news to discredit the Government and in particular John Major. In the light of the measures which Mr Major took last year to revitalise British sport, your front-page report today that the relatively poor showing of our team at the Olympics "is particularly embarrassing for the Prime Minister" involves such a contortion of reasoning that I fear you may have done yourself a permanent mischief.

Many would consider the Prime Minister should feel most satisfied that he has already taken steps to improve the situation.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SIMPSON,
7 Wingfield Street, SE15.
July 31.

From Mr Edward W. Clark

Sir, Our nation's performance at the Olympics is mediocre. But does this matter?

Yes, it does. It matters because it provides a window onto the world. We are a member of G7 and yet achieve performances which scarcely match those of the Third World. Our pride is dented. Our international standing is dented.

Why? May I suggest three reasons: a Government that has shown chronic neglect of sport; local authorities that hate school sports and competition; and sports authorities that are amateur and shambolic.

This country needs an action plan fast if we are not to sink beneath the waves at Sydney.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD CLARK,
5 Fitzwilliam Road, SW4.
July 31.

Like nine pins?

From Mr Alwyn James

Sir, Would your readers share my difficulty in explaining to the visitor from Mars that the man we honour as the fastest hurdler on this planet was the runner in yesterday's 110 metres hurdles who knocked down eight of the ten he was trying to jump over?

Yours faithfully,
ALWYN JAMES,
2 West Werberside,
Fettes Village, Edinburgh.
July 30.

£15m transfer

From Mr Trevor Austin

Sir, Goals to Newcastle?

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR AUSTIN,
The Old House, London End,
Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 31: Mr Justice Nelson was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

His Excellency Mr Vassilis Zafiropoulos was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Hellenic Republic to the Court of St James's.

Mrs Zafiropoulos was also received by Her Majesty.

Mr Philip Astley (Director, Protocol, Foreign and Commonwealth Office) was present.

Sir Oliver Wright was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as King of Arms of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George and delivered up to Her Majesty the Insignia of Office.

Sir Ewen Fergusson was received by The Queen when Her Majesty handed to him *the Insignia of Office upon his* appointment as King of Arms of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George.

His Excellency Mr Alfred Dube and Mrs Jones-Dube were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commisisioner for the Republic of Botswana in London.

Major Sir Shane Blewitt *was received by Her Majesty* and took leave upon his retirement as Keeper of the Privy Purse and Treasurer to The Queen, and Receiver General, Duchy of Lancaster.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 31: The Duke of York this morning arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from Seattle, United States of America.

Captain Neil Blair RN and Mr Geoffrey Crawford were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
July 31: Princess Alexandra, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of The Queen's Royal Lancers, this afternoon received Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Swinburn, Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel A.I. *Finlayson upon relinquishing* command of the Regiment and Lieutenant-Colonel R.N. Wertheim on assuming the command.

Today's royal engagements

Princess Alexandra will attend the golden jubilee Stewartry show at Wallets Marts Fields, Castle Douglas, Dumfries and Galloway, at 12.30.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Richard Wilson, landscape painter, Penegoes, Powys, 1714; Jean Baptiste de Lamarck, naturalist, Bazentin, France, 1744; William Clark, explorer, Caroline County, Virginia, 1770; Francis Scott Key, poet, Carroll County, Maryland, 1779; Richard Henry Dana, novelist, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1815; Herman Melville, writer, New York, 1819; James Grant, novelist, Edinburgh, 1822.

DEATHS: Queen Anne, reigned 1702-14, London, 1714; Richard Savage, poet, Bristol, 1743; Elizabeth Inchbald, novelist, dramatist and actress, London, 1821; Robert Morrison, founder of Protestant missions in China, Canton, 1834; Israel Zangwill, writer, Zionist and philanthropist, London, 1926; Theodore Roethke, poet, Washington, 1963; Walter Ulbricht, chairman, Council of State, German Democratic Republic 1960-73, East Berlin, 1973.

Nelson defeated the French at the Battle of the Nile, 1798.

Slavery was abolished in the British Empire, 1834.

Germany declared war on Russia, 1914.

The Warsaw Rising began, 1944.

Luncheon

Carlton Club
Dr Brian Mawhinney, Chairman of the Conservative Party, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Political Committee of the Carlton Club held yesterday at the club. Sir Brian Goswell, Chairman of the Political Committee, presided. Sir Ronald Halstead also spoke.

The Leys School, Cambridge

Scholarships and Exhibitions 1996

Foundation Scholarships and Exhibitions: A D Erlenhardt (The Leys School), *H J Flanagan* (St Faith's School), L R Reynolds (St John's College School), E J L Pettigrew (King's College School).

Neil White Scholarships: H L Ballard (Holmwood House), O M Cooke (St John's College School), S J Tunnicliffe (St John's College School).

Music Scholarships and Exhibitions: H R Bingley (St Faith's School), V P Daphu, (St Faith's School), H J Flanagan (St Faith's School), A H J Garratt (St Faith's School), L P Twiston Plows (King's College School), T R J Cox (St Faith's School), O D Grace (Stoke College), D S C Guest (Stoke College), C T Murray (St Faith's School), S E M Prins (King's College School).

Art Scholarships and Exhibitions: J K Myer (King's College School), G R Tinsley (St John's College School), H L Ballard (Holmwood House), J E M Noy (King's College School), S E M Prins (King's College School).

Sixth Form Scholarships and Exhibitions: Academic: P D O Sherwood (The Leys), B J Young (The Leys), K C Barlow (The Leys), E L E Dawes (The Leys), H D Lui (The Leys), H S H Ng (The Leys), A E J Pearl (The Leys), S V Southward (The Leys), M C Y Wong (The Leys). **Music:** M K Phillips (Kimbolton School - Muriel de Vinny Scholarship), B D Payne (The Leys), S D Cooper (The Leys), L J Gaskin (The Leys). **Art:** S V Southward (The Leys), K C Barlow (The Leys), M C Y Wong (The Leys).

Durham University

The following have been promoted to professor:
Dr John Anstee (Biological Sciences)
Dr John Findlay (Psychology)
Dr Brian Huntley (Biological Sciences)
Dr Jeremy Hutson (Chemistry).

The following have been promoted to reader:
Dr Edward Glover (Physics)
Dr Neil Goulty (Geological Sciences)
Dr David Gregory-Smith (Engineering)
Dr Howell Harris (History)
Dr Andreas-Holger Maehle (Philosophy)
Dr Paul Mansfield (Mathematics)
Dr Rosemary Stevenson (Psychology).

Birthdays today

Mr Lionel Bart, composer, 66; Mr Derek Birdsall, graphic designer and typographer, 62; Miss Janet Gough, High Mistress, St Paul's Girls' School, 56; Viscount Hanworth, 80; Mr Frank Hauser, theatre director, 74; Dr David Jasper, *former Principal*, St Chad's College, Durham, 45; Sir Richard Lloyd Jones, civil servant, 63; Professor M S Losowsky, Professor of Medicine, 65; Major-General R.C. Macdonald, 85; Professor W.H. *Morris*-Jones, former director, Institute of Commonwealth Affairs, 78; Professor B.C. Roberts, Emeritus Professor of Industrial Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science, 79.

M Yves Saint Laurent, fashion designer, 60; Dr Robert Spink, MP, 48; the Right Rev Professor Stephen Sykes, Bishop of Ely, 57; Professor Laurie Taylor, sociologist, 60; Mr Robert Thomas, sculptor, 70; Mr John Tomlinson, MEP, 57; Mr G.E. Ward Thomas, chairman, Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television Holdings, 73.

PETER TREVNOR

David and Hazel Gedge, who are celebrating 30 years as organist and assistant organist at Brecon Cathedral, in Wales, were at St Paul's Cathedral, London, yesterday with members of their cathedral choir. Mr and Mrs Gedge, who with the choir will be playing and singing at services in St Paul's all this week, are the longest serving organists in England and Wales and the only husband and wife team of organists. Some of the men in the choir have been singing with 57-year-old Mr Gedge since they were boy choristers 30 years ago

Latest wills

Mr James Arthur Thomas Jewel **Marsh**, of London W8, Jimmy Jewel, the musical hall comedian and actor, best known for his double act with Ben Warriss, left estate valued at £555,769 net.

He wished to be cremated and his ashes taken to Juan les Pins in France and strewn on the beach there where he had spent many happy hours with his late wife and children; and he left £5,000 and his scripts to Vincent Powell, of Cobham, and £2,500 each to Alfred and Paddy Marks, of London N20, "who have shown me love and concern, with my love and gratitude for their love and concern when I was so alone", and the remainder of his estate to relatives.

Mr Peter John Ellison **Male**, of Ascot, Berkshire, Ambassador to Czechoslovakia from 1977-80, left estate valued at £1,074,486 net.

Other estates include (net before tax):

Mrs Freda Margaret **Freeman**, of Oadby, Leicestershire £855,150
Shela Gwendoline **Harley**, of Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk £1,004,247
Mrs Sadie Lorna Owers **Morris**, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire £914,123
Mr Ronald Thomas Smith **Pemberton**, of Eccleston, Lancashire £858,193
Mr Thomas **Phillips**, of Haynes, Bedfordshire £977,887
Mrs Alice Marion **Potter**, of Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire £1,003,209
Mr Michael John **Scott**, of Horsham, West Sussex £1,160,474
Lady Constance Avard **Weeks**, of Chichester, West Sussex £834,974

Archaeology

Mysterious glass may date from burning of pagan shrines

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

A STRANGE glassy substance found at an ancient Egyptian city is thought to have resulted from Christian fanatics burning earlier shrines. Animal bones and *teeth encased in the glass* seem to have come from mummified offerings consumed in the conflagration.

Large masses of the glass were found at the site of ancient Mendes, a city in the Nile Delta some 110 km (70 *miles) north of Cairo.* Mendes was occupied from before 3000 BC until the Roman period, and although farming has encroached on the edges of the site, still covers an area of 1.5 square km.

The glassy material was found on a mound called Kom el-Adhem, "hill of bones", which lies outside the city wall and which seems to have been used as a cemetery in the Greco-Roman period. Thin sections were prepared and examined under a microscope, and most of the bone was seen to be from *mammals*, with some bird remains; the animals were small, with no sign of cattle or horse remains.

The glassy matrix was a silicate containing iron, potassium and aluminium, but the low ratio of iron to silica precluded an origin as metallurgical slag. The high potassium level relative to sodium *also made an origin in glass*-making unlikely.

There was no human bone present, so the substance did not come from cremation rituals, nor were the detected temperatures of burning high enough. The best parallel *came from burned earthern* and stone structures such as the "vitrified forts" of Scotland, and the local building material at Mendes, mud brick, indeed proved to be the source of the material.

"We believe that the slag is the result of the fusion of a mud brick structure which encapsulated animal bones and teeth," say the Canadian team who investigated the site.

Egyptian archaeologists have found amulets mixed with bones and horns of rams nearby, and suggested that they come from the burials of sacred animals. "Animal cults were always an important aspect of ancient Egyptian religion," they say. "There are many sites in Egypt where the mummified remains of sacred cats, dogs, falcons, bulls, crocodiles, ibises, etc were buried in vast subterranean galleries. Preparation of the dead ani*mals was as detailed as that of* humans".

At Mendes, they believe, brickwork tunnels were built to hold the mummies, and in a fire would have acted as natural furnaces. The silica would come from the mud *brick, the potassium and sodium from mummification.*

The carefully prepared remains would not have been destroyed during the Pharaonic period, and "it is more likely that the slag represents the intentional destruction of cult burials, in either the Persian or Christian periods" the investigators say.

The Persians are unlikely perpetrators, because the animal remains would have contaminated fire, which they held holy, but "the later rise of Christianity brought a prohibition of pagan rituals associated with vandalism of traditional Egyptian religious centres".

Source: *Journal of Archaeological Science* 23:485-492.

£10m worth of royal silver to be sold

By John Shaw

EIGHT items of silver from three celebrated European royal collections worth almost *£10 million are to be sold in* New York later this year.

They belong to George Ortiz, a member of the super-rich Patino family. He lives in Geneva and the items were originally bought by his mother after the Second World War. The collection, one of the finest in private hands in the world, will be sold in Sotheby's in Manhattan in November.

The most spectacular piece is a lavishly-decorated tureen expected to make £1.53 million. The top is a lavish concoction made up of vegetables, shell fish, and game. Emerging from each end are finely-modelled boars' heads. Its pair is in the Detroit Institute of Fine Art.

The tureen was made by *Thomas Germain, the pre*eminent French 18th-century silversmith, and is thought to have been ordered by the Comte de Toulouse (1678-1737), a legitimised son of Louis XIV.

Most of the elaborate gold and silver services belonging to Louis XV were melted down in 1759.

Anything that remained was destroyed during the French Revolution 40 years later. The service was confiscated a total of three times by the Revolutionary authorities before it was eventually regained by the Comte's descendants on the restoration of the French monarchy in 1815.

The collection also includes two pairs of Germain candelabra from the Portuguese royal service and dishes by the same maker from the Russian imperial service. A pair of George II candelabra by George Wickes matching the pairs made by Germain is also in the Ortiz collection.

Wickes was silversmith to the Prince of Wales, and the candelabra were produced for the Earl of Kildare, later Duke of Leinster. The order still survives, and shows that they cost a substantial £154. The estimate now is £457,000.

Mr Ortiz is the grandson on his mother's side of Simon Patino, a Bolivian tin multi*millionaire. The family have* always collected works of art, and two years ago Mr Ortiz brought part of his collection for a three month exhibition at the Royal Academy in London. It was seen by a total of 96,442 people, part of an *international tour of the exhib*its which also visited museums in Moscow and Berlin.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.R. Charlton and Miss K.A. Lewsey
The engagement is announced *between Simon*, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Clive Charlton, of Timsbury, Bath, and Kate, daughter of Dr and Mrs David Lewsey, of Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

Mr M.W. Corrie and Miss C.Z. Cardozo
The engagement is announced between Malcolm, only son of the late Mr Thomas Corrie and of Mrs Corrie, of Leighton Hall, near Shrewsbury, and Camilla, fourth daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Benedict Cardozo, of Motcombe, Dorset.

Mr K.L. D'Amours and Miss K.L. Brady
The engagement *is* announced between Kevin, son of Mr and Mrs Paul D'Amours, of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Brady, of Wallingford, Oxfordshire.

Mr M.H. Mansfield and Miss C.J. Doyle
The engagement is announced between Marc, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Mansfield, of Hong Kong, and Clare, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Doyle, of Weybridge, Surrey.

Mr N.O. Pasha and Miss S.M. Norris
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Omer, son of Mr and Mrs M. Kamal Pasha, of Norfolk, and Sophie Mairéad, daughter of Mrs Bella Norris, of Perols, France and the late Mr David Joseph Norris.

Mr P.F. Rayner and Miss A.M.D. Gardner
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Rayner, of Leybourne, Kent, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Gardner, of Loughton, Essex.

Marriage

Mr B.D. Thornton *and Miss E.J. Moss*
The marriage took place on Friday, July 26, at Christ Church, Kensington, of Mr Benjamin Thornton, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Thornton, of Lydney, Gloucestershire, and Miss Emma Moss, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Moss, of Beeston, *Nottingham.*

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Tina Cook, Tara Wheating and Tilly Wheating. Mr Giles Thornton was best man.

Appointments

The Very Rev (Arthur) Wesley Carr, Dean of Bristol, has been appointed to the Deanery of Westminster in succession to the Very Rev Michael Clement Otway Mayne who retires in December.

Canon Nicholas Ayles Stillingfleet Bury, Vicar of St Peter-in-Thanet and Rural Dean of Thanet (Canterbury), has been appointed to the Deanery of Gloucester in succession to the Very Rev Kenneth Neal Jennings on his resignation.

Retirement

His Honour Judge Paul Baker, QC, retired yesterday from the Circuit Bench on the South Eastern Circuit

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Jacqueline Kendall, Curate, Acton, Church Minshull, Worleston and Wettenhall: to be Curate, Helsby (Chester).

Canon Dr Martin Kitchen, Adviser, In-Service Training *and Canon Residentiary*, Southwark Cathedral: to be Co-ordinator of Training and Canon Residentiary, Southwark Cathedral (Southwark).

The Rev Peter Knight, Assistant Curate and Team Vicar designate in the Ecumenical Partnership and parish of West Swindon and The Lydiards: to be Team Vicar, same parish (Bristol).

The Rev Peter Mackriell, Curate, Hale and Ashley: to be Curate, Marple (Chester).

The Rev Janet McFarlane, Curate, Stafford (Lichfield): to be Chaplain and Minor Canon of Ely Cathedral (Ely).

The Rev Eric Masshedar, Priest-in-charge, St Paul, Hartlepool: to be Vicar, St Paul, Hartlepool (Durham), *suspension of presentation* having been lifted.

The Rev Colin Mansley, Priest-in-charge, St Michael and All Angels, Bartley Green (Birmingham): now to be Vicar of that parish, suspension of presentation having now been lifted.

The Rev Robin Morrison, Principal Social Responsibility Officer for the diocese of Derby: to be Team Vicar for Commerce and Economic Development, Southampton Team Ministry (Winchester).

The Rev Brian Nicholson, Vicar, St John's, Colchester (Chelmsford): to be Rector, Church Oakley w Wootton St Lawrence (Winchester).

The Rev Amiel Osmaston, Director of Mission and Pastoral Studies, Ridley Hall, Cambridge (Ely): to be Field Officer, Training (Chester).

The Rev Philip Parker, Chaplain, Shiplake College, Henley-on-Thames (Oxford): to be Chaplain Milton Abbey School (Salisbury).

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When Jesus rose from prayer and came to the disciples he found them asleep, worn out by grief: 'Why are you sleeping?' he said. 'Rise and pray that you may be spared the test.'
Luke 22 : 45, 46 (REB)

BIRTHS

DAY - On July 26th 1996, to Nada and Jeffrey, a son, Samuel Joseph, a brother for Tasya and Nicky.

DENNE - On 27th July, to Louise and Toby, a son, Angus David, a brother for Oliver.

HAGUENAUER - On 27th July at The Portland Hospital, to Liz (née Fremantle) and Olivier, a baby boy, Raphael John, a brother for Alice.

HELLINGS - On 26th July at Kingston Hospital, to Geraldine (née Watts) and James, a wonderful daughter, Victoria Elizabeth, 7lbs 7oz.

HOWARD - On July 27th at The Portland Hospital, to Francina and Kevin, a beautiful daughter, Michelle, a sister for Rachel.

LOAKE - On 14th July 1996 in Oxford, to Heather (née Lumsden) and Jonathan, a daughter, Flora Grace *Amelia, a sister for Anna* and Tom.

SIMPSON - On July 27th at The Portland Hospital, to Juliet (née Edwards) and Jamie, a beautiful baby son - Daniel Max.

BIRTHS

WALKER - To Bruce and Nicky, a son, Magnus Benedict *Bede, in Hong Kong* on 20th July.

DEATHS

BASS - Eileen Mary, loving sister of Arthur and dearest sister-in-law of Patricia and beloved aunt. Passed away peacefully in hospital on 29th July 1996 aged 73 years. Funeral Service at Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Wednesday 7th August at 2pm. Flowers or donations if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o Hannington's F/D, 4-6 Montefiore Road, Hove, BN3 1RD, tel: (01273) 778733.

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DEATHS

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FAIRCLOUGH - Tommy died peacefully at home after a short illness on 30th July 1996. Greatly loved Uncle of Ian and Suzanne and their families and a wonderful friend to so many. Private family cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving on Friday 9th August in St John's Church, Churt, Surrey at 2.30 pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Waverley Lane, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8BL.

FINCH - John Bertram Finch, KPMG, peacefully at home in Pewsey on July 29th, aged 86. Beloved husband of Dee and father of Sylvia, Martin, Kate and Robin, and grandfather of ten loving grandchildren. Funeral at St John the Baptist Parish *Church, Pewsey,* 12.15 pm, Tuesday August 6th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, c/o F. Dewey Ltd, 26 River Street, Pewsey, SN9 5DH.

DEATHS

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HOOPER - Allan died suddenly July 26th 1996, dearly loved husband, father, grandfather and friend to so many. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him near and far. Funeral Service at St Giles Church, Stoke Poges, August 7th 1996 at 2.45 pm *followed* by cremation at Slough Crematorium. Donations if desired to Iain Rennie Hospice at Home c/o E. Sargeant & Son, 40 Church Street, Slough, SL1 1PJ, tel: (01753) 520081.

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DEATHS

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O'MALLEY - On July 31st, Maudie O'Malley (née Joan Warburton) peacefully at home. Donations to Cancer Research.

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WASS - Siân Elizabeth Wass on 30th July 1996, peacefully at The Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, after a courageous fight. Loving wife to Sam, and mother to William, Edward, and Emma. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Highgate Village, London, at 12 noon Thursday August 8th, *followed by cremation.* Family flowers only. Donations please c/o J.H. Kenyon, Funeral Directors, 9 Pond Street, Hampstead N.W.3 towards Royal Free Medical Research.

DEATHS

WATSON - Rosemary Joan Cecil, peacefully in Fleet Hospital on July 29th, beloved wife of the late Dr. J.S.F. Watson, loving mother of Nell, Rosalind and Fiona and grandmother of eight grandchildren. Funeral Service at All Saints Crondall on Monday 5th August at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please to A & W Goddard Ltd., Kent Road, Fleet, Hampshire. Donations, *if desired,* to All Saints and St Mary's Charity Trust, Freepost, Farnham GU10 5BR.

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OBITUARIES

CLAUDETTE COLBERT

Claudette Colbert, actress, died on July 30 aged 92. She was born on September 13, 1903.

CLAUDETTE COLBERT was a stunning comedy actress, one of the last survivors from an era which produced such luminous screen sirens as Greta Garbo and Marlene Dietrich. Colbert was a very different proposition: there was nothing remotely aloof or antisocial about her. She was more like a Gallic version of Katharine Hepburn, the resourceful modern woman, whose wit and impeccable wardrobe were capable of rising to any challenge.

Colbert had a funny rather than a beautiful face, with huge, round eyes and dark hair cut into fashionable bangs. She possessed an indecently throaty laugh which was once compared to a cat's purr, and a flirtatious Parisian manner which was not much modified by her decades spent in Hollywood. She was one of the few actresses for whom the Hollywood machine did not have to manufacture some ghastly, artificial travesty of "glamour". Colbert had her own glamour, based on intelligence and personality.

She never really escaped the long shadow of one film: Frank Capra's *It Happened One Night*, for which she and her co-star Clark Gable won Oscars in 1934. She could and did handle more weighty roles. But the public had fallen for Colbert as a screwball comedienne, and Hollywood liked to give the public what it wanted.

Lily Claudette Chauchoin was born in Paris, and French was her first language. Her parents went to New York when she was five, and she was educated in the city at the Washington Irving High School in Manhattan. She left school to study costume design, making her money as a stenographer. At school she was almost reluctantly pushed into acting because of her fluent French, when a girlfriend fell sick before the production of a French one-act play. To her surprise, she enjoyed the attention. Afterwards, when she met the author of a play called *The Wild Westcotts*, in 1923, she seized her chance.

More Broadway productions followed, the best of which was *The Barker* (1927) opposite the character actor Walter Huston (father of John Huston). Her first film — *The Hole in the Wall* (1929) — was made in New York. Maurice Chevalier, who worked with her on another film soon after, *La Grande Mare*, recognised her nascent star quality even then: "She was lovely, brunette, talented and a delicious comedienne. And her English was perfect." By the time the Depression hit, Colbert was ready to make the trip to Hollywood. The theatre in New York was dead. Talking films had been invented only a year or so before and the film industry was booming.

Colbert signed a contract with Paramount but, again with luck on her side, the studio lawyers had omitted to include a starting date on the contract. After she signed, she blithely told the studio that she would be back in six months. She had married the actor Norman Foster, boarded a British freighter and took the trip to Bali for an extended honeymoon.

Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable in *It Happened One Night*, 1934

She returned to take control of her Hollywood career and managed, quite brilliantly, to negotiate a large degree of legal independence from her studio — this in an age when most actors were shackled to the most unyielding programme of film-making, and might be ruined if they did try to stand up for themselves. ("Tough dame, that lovely frog," was how Capra put it, admiringly.) By not allowing her studio an option, she was paid for all the work she did, and the studio kept her busy.

There was a series of films opposite Fredric March: *Manslaughter* and *Honor Among Lovers*. She was cast with Chevalier again in *The Smiling Lieutenant*, which made a hotter property, as did her role as Poppaea in *The Sign of the Cross*, in which she played a very evil woman indeed, and filmed her famous bath scene supposedly in asses' milk.

It Happened One Night had already been turned down by Constance Bennett, Myrna Loy and Margaret Sullavan by the time it was offered to Colbert. Gable, who was then MGM's biggest star, was being punished by his own studio, and had been loaned to Columbia for the duration of the film. Colbert recognised the script as a winner, and brazenly asked for twice her fee at Paramount, if she could film it quickly during her four-week holiday. "Lovely and feminine as they come," said Capra. "Claudette had a mind as bright as a dollar, and a French appreciation of its lustre."

The film cast Colbert as a spoilt runaway heiress who hitches up with Gable, the streetwise journalist, in pursuit of the story. It was the first comedy to walk away with nearly all the important Oscars: for Capra, Gable, Colbert and the writer, Robert Riskin. Colbert thought so little of her chances of winning it, that she was boarding a train when the news broke.

Colbert's intentions of becoming a serious dramatic actress floundered after her performance in Egyptian costume in the title role of *Cleopatra*. (The best line was: "Poor Calpurnia! Of course the wife is always the last to know.") Her best films of the 1930s were all comedies, and showed her typically as a woman of chic, humour and resourcefulness, with a taste for lovely clothes. In *Midnight* (1939), for example, the film opens with the gold-digging Colbert in a third class coach, having survived a restless night. She arrives at her destination, uncreased, in a stunning silver lamé evening dress. She played her share of independent career women: a stenographer in *The Gilded Lily* and a secretary in *She Married Her Boss* (both 1935).

Gradually she had edged her way up the popularity polls to the top half-dozen female stars, even when her output was small, as it was in 1936. Her new contract with Paramount allowed her to make only seven pictures in a couple of years. This meant that she could accept MGM's offer to play opposite James Stewart in *It's a Wonderful World* (1939). The war saw her in one of the funniest comedy films ever made, *The Palm Beach Story* (1942). After *Practically Yours* (1945), she turned down the offer of another contract with Paramount. She was making more money freelancing: her fee in 1940 was an incredible $150,000 for each film.

But by the end of the war even her staunchest enthusiasts had to agree that a mechanical element was intruding into her work. *The Egg and I* (1947) in which she played an egg farmer, was her last big commercial success. Bad luck also had a part to play in her decline. She had to turn down *State of the Union* with Spencer Tracy, because of contractual obligations; and she broke her back before she could set to work on *All About Eve* (which went to Bette Davis in 1950, instead). She spent several years in Europe, for tax reasons, during the 1950s.

In 1955 she was back in America for a television performance of *Blithe Spirit*, opposite Lauren Bacall and Noël Coward. Coward, who had known her since *The Barker* went to London in 1928 and who adored her as a friend, did not rate her performance. Her need to be liked, which had shone through all her work and made her so sympathetic to audiences, grated on him. He felt he had nothing to "kick against" on stage, and was driven almost to distraction by her refusal properly to learn her lines. Their quarrels during rehearsals passed into theatrical folklore. "It's funny, but I knew this scene backwards last night" she said; to which Coward replied: "That's the way you're playing it this morning." He added that he would ring her neck, if he could find it.

Colbert's career had all but wound down to a standstill by the time she made her last film, *Parrish*, in 1960. She played a mother, not a role in which her old followers liked to see her cast, while many of the younger filmgoers had no idea who she was.

Colbert was not one of those actresses who liked to parade their private lives in public. The failure of her first marriage, which led to divorce in 1935, was followed by her marriage to Dr Joel Pressman. This was also childless, but otherwise happy and Pressman brought a welcome degree of normality to her life. He had no interest in her fame, and used to go to sleep during her premières. The only reason he liked to see her working was because they could then have breakfast together, at 6 o'clock in the morning, rather than allowing her to sleep on till 10 o'clock, which she did during her resting periods.

He died in 1968 only a few years after they had bought a huge 18th-century mansion in Barbados. Colbert had "a few bad years" but she decided to keep their island home and found some consolation in the warmth of the local people. She lived there for her last years, visiting New York less and less frequently.

Every so often it was rumoured that Colbert was about to make a screen comeback. She did not do so, and retained a very un-Hollywood-like dignity about her retirement, telling her agent to try to stop the reports of more big starring roles, because they were only embarrassing her friends.

She did, however, accept the occasional stage role, when the part interested her. She appeared in Washington in *A Talent For Murder* in 1981; and she toured London, Los Angeles, Australia and New York in *Aren't We All?*, during the mid-1980s.

Her last big project was the television mini-series, *The Two Mrs Grenvilles* in 1987, in which she played the mother of Ann-Margret. Colbert was a revelation in front of the camera. Now in her mid-80s, she still had the beautiful, unlined face of a much younger woman, and the discipline which half a century in the business had leant her.

JED JOHNSON

Jed Johnson, interior designer, died in the crash of TWA Flight 800 on July 17 aged 47. He was born in 1949.

JED JOHNSON was a close companion of Andy Warhol whose talent and determination took him from sweeping floors at Warhol's Factory to international acclaim as an interior designer whose clients included Yves Saint Laurent, Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall, and Richard Gere.

Born a twin in Alexandria, Minnesota, Johnson moved to Sacramento, California, where he became a childhood playmate of the well-known American TV presenter Joan Lunden, the co-host of *Good Morning America*. His artistic talent was not immediately apparent as a child, although his mother, Vivian Christophier, was later to recall that he was "extremely neat".

Bored and adventurous, he and his twin brother, Jay, set off after graduating from high school on a quixotic trip that was meant to take them to Europe in a beaten-up old car. The car made it as far as Los Angeles and the intrepid pair hitch-hiked across the country to New York, where they were promptly mugged.

Although he had no formal training in design, Johnson taught himself about antiques and became a familiar visitor at New York's furniture shops. He got his first big break when he delivered a telegram to Warhol's studio, the Factory, and was offered a job sweeping the hardwood floor by Paul Morrissey. "We pay the same as Western Union, but at least you get to stay in one place all day," Morrissey told him. Warhol, the founder of Pop Art, quickly became infatuated with Johnson.

In his memoirs, Bob Colacello, the former editor of *Interview* magazine, recalled: "Andy favoured Jed above everyone else at the Factory. He liked talkers, but he liked beauties even more. Jed was smooth-skinned, naturally well proportioned, fanatically well-groomed — everything Andy was not. Andy and Jed often dressed almost identically, but Andy looked like a rag doll and Jed like a statue."

Johnson helped Warhol edit his films and actually directed the 1976 cult classic *Andy Warhol's Bad*. After Warhol was shot by a deranged feminist fan, Johnson moved into the Lexington Avenue townhouse where the artist lived with his mother. In the early 1970s Warhol and Johnson went everywhere together, although it is uncertain if they ever had a sexual relationship. Like Warhol, Johnson exuded an ascetic, asexual air. But as Colacello described it, their bond was certainly "more than a mere friendship". It was more like a "romance".

When Warhol bought another brownstone house on Manhattan's East 66th Street in 1974, Johnson moved with him. They lived there together until 1980, maintaining separate bedrooms on the third floor. They could often be seen walking their famous dachshunds in Central Park. Johnson was placed in charge of remodelling the house, and adopted the previously unrecognised "American Empire" style of the early 19th century.

Yves Saint Laurent asked Johnson to decorate his apartment in the nearby Hotel Pierre, and after that further illustrious commissions flowed in. Friends credited Johnson with interesting Warhol in "fine old things" and said that his influence probably moved Warhol's art in a more classical direction.

Johnson left the Factory in 1978 to open his own firm, Jed Johnson & Associates. Three years later, he teamed up with his new companion, the architect Alan Wanzenberg. Their company quickly established a distinctive style — spare and masculine — that was reminiscent of the Arts and Crafts Movement and the Shaker furniture so admired by Johnson.

A hit with the design magazines, Johnson's work was regularly featured in *Architectural Digest* and will be the subject of an article in *House and Garden*.

According to his mother, Johnson had vacillated for days before taking what turned out to be his final trip. In a telephone call to California, he told her he did not want to go. But in the end he left to fly to Paris to shop for antiques and make connections for a new textile business which he was hoping to open. His mother learnt about the crash on television and immediately feared the worst.

As news spread, friends gathered at the home he shared with Wanzenberg on West 67th Street, just steps from Central Park. Among them were Fran Leibowitz, the writer, and Pat Hackett, the editor of Warhol's diaries. Joan Lunden left the set of *Good Morning America* to comfort his twin brother. Johnson was described by the writer Steven Aronson as "soft-spoken" but with "something radiant about him".

Jed Johnson remained unmarried.

DAME JANE DREW

Dame Jane Drew, DBE, architect, died on July 27 aged 85. She was born on March 24, 1911.

A PASSIONATE believer in the power of art, Jane Drew saw the prime function of architecture as to make people more aware of the quality of their lives. Architecture, she said, was a human arrangement. She deplored the sterility of the modern urban environment. "Architects have to be actors. They have to play the part of those they design for," she said.

A forceful personality, she took charge of every stage of a scheme, dealing with the contractors with a vigour and efficiency which were considered astonishing at a time when women architects were still a novelty. She was innovative in her use of materials and exhaustive in her attention to detail. Her energy and enthusiasm could at times be a little overwhelming, but she had a great warmth and generosity and was always encouraging to young architects and artists, including Lynn Chadwick.

Many of her projects were carried out in partnership with her second husband Maxwell Fry. They worked extensively in West Africa in the postwar years designing schools and universities in Nigeria, the Gold Coast, Sierra Leone and The Gambia and were responsible for the Architectural Association setting up the first school of tropical architecture. But perhaps they will be most remembered for their design of Chandigarh, a new capital for the Punjab which was, Pandit Nehru said, to be "symbolic of the freedom of India, unfettered by the traditions of the past".

Jane Drew persuaded Le Corbusier to involve himself in the project and it was he who redesigned the original master plan which had been drawn up by Albert Myer. But after this he would spend only a few months a year in India, leaving Jane Drew and Maxwell Fry to work on the project full-time. With limited resources at their disposal, Drew viewed the task as "an excercise in what you could do without". She persuaded Nehru, with whom she forged a firm friendship, to employ more young Indian architects, and a prototype of each different house was built so that each could be lived in, criticised, and improved upon, before more were built.

Wide public spaces were provided in areas of low income housing and ample canopies were designed for residents to take shelter from the sun. Though some criticised the town for its broad streets, designed for motor cars which few Indians could afford, the population appreciated her contribution to the project and a public holiday was declared during her last visit.

Joyce Beverley Drew, later to become known as Jane, was born in the suburban environment of Thornton Heath in Surrey. Her father, a designer of surgical instruments, and her mother, a botanist, were an enlightened, although conventional, couple. They instilled in their children high ethical standards, a campaigning instinct and, perhaps most important, a passion for art. "We never had enough money for stair carpet," Jane later recalled, "but we always went to the Tate and other exhibitions."

Even as a young child she preferred building sandcastles to dressing her dolls and she remembered watching as a housing estate was built up around her home and wondering why the houses had to be so ugly. She wished that she could design them herself, and after going to school in Croydon, she went on to study at the Architectural Association School.

Architecture at that time was a male dominated profession. "I could have had a squint and a harelip and I would still have been asked out," Jane Drew said. She was barely out of college when she married for the first time and had twins, but her fierce independence broke through veneers of conventionality, and the marriage was dissolved in 1939.

Her first job, in a profession still prejudiced against women, was designing mock Georgian pubs. But she was also a member of the Modern Architectural Research Group, an association of architects, painters and industrialists. "We thought we could plan the world," she later said, acknowledging their arrogance. But it was through this group that she met and made friends with such great names of Modernism as Henry Moore, Le Corbusier, Elizabeth Lutyens and most importantly, Maxwell Fry whom she married in 1942.

In 1940 Drew established her own architectural practice, employing only female architects. She also served during the war as chairman of the Rebuilding Britain exhibition at the National Gallery. But in 1944 she followed her husband to West Africa, where she was very much involved in town planning.

Returning to London a year later she and her husband set up practice in Gloucester Place in the West End, where they continued to work on the design of African universities, schools and hospitals as well as a Paris studio and a restaurant for the Festival of Britain.

But it was during this festival that Fry gave up his successful practice to start the project of designing Chandigarh, and his wife soon followed him. She became romantically attached to Le Corbusier at this time.

Later she went on to design buildings in Tehran, Nigeria, Ceylon and Ghana. But during the 1960s and 1970s she worked chiefly on domestic buildings in Britain, including housing at Harlow. She also designed the Open University buildings at Milton Keynes with her typical geometric precision.

The establishment of the Institute of Contemporary Arts also owes much to Jane Drew who found its first premises in Dover Street and later played a crucial role in its relocation to Carlton House Terrace.

In 1969 she was president of the Architectural Association and she also served on the council of the Royal Institute of British Architects. In 1970 she was a visiting professor at Harvard University. She was appointed DBE in the New Year Honours.

Her husband, Max died in 1987 and one of her twin daughters from her first marriage also died in a car crash. She is survived by her other daughter.

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From Our Own Correspondent

WASHINGTON, July 31

The American Ranger 7 space craft, three days out from Cape Kennedy, Florida, with its six cameras clicking away for nearly 15 minutes, today sent back to earth some 4,000 pictures, most of which will show in greater detail than ever before what the moon is made of.

Ranger struck the surface of the Sea of Clouds at 49 seconds after 9.25 (Eastern Daylight Time) this morning, within eight or 10 miles of the exact spot on the moon at which it had been aimed from about 230,000 miles away on Tuesday morning. By the time of impact its photographs were already secure on 35mm. film and electronic tape at the Goldstone tracking station in the California desert, where preliminary analysis suggested that items as small as a car would be discernible on the best of them.

The photographs will be made available as soon as possible together with the analysis of experts, who are particularly interested in finding a suitable landing place for the first man to go to the moon. It is for this reason that a smooth area such as the Sea of Clouds was chosen as a target. Ranger approached at some 5,850 m.p.h. taking pictures from about 1,100 miles above the lunar surface to about half a mile above its landing point. The closest picture taken covers an area of about 3,600 square feet and the farthest an area of several thousand square miles. Because the lighting conditions on the moon were unknown, the two wide-angle and four narrow-angle television cameras were equipped with different lenses. Some of the photographs may, therefore, be of little use, but officials were confident that many would be of fine quality and definition.

Man has thus scored another triumph over nature, and if the romantics are aghast there can be only admiration for the persistence, precision, and pertinacity of the Space Agency, which had suffered a dozen defeats in six years of attempting to unravel the mysteries of the lunar surface. President Johnson, in congratulating the men personally responsible for the flight, said it represented a magnificent achievement in the peaceful exploration of space, a tremendous technical achievement, and a basic step forward in the orderly programme to assemble the scientific knowledge for man's journey to the moon.

The Russians, as Mr Johnson noted, have also had trouble in their effort to pierce the layer of cloud round the moon which impedes telescopic photography from earth. The President said that many of the Soviet failures had been unpublicized, but they confirmed the complexity of the task.

The Ranger space craft, which was launched by an Atlas Agena rocket at seven seconds after 9.50 (Eastern Daylight Time) on Tuesday, looks in flight like a huge dragonfly. A dish-shaped antenna represents the head, two solar panels the wings, and a long cone-shaped body carries electronic equipment and cameras. With the solar panels extended, the space craft has a wing span of 15ft and is just over 10ft high ...

Gîte holiday firms merge after three-year slump

By Steve Keenan

THE end of a British love affair with rural cottage holidays in France has forced the merger of the two biggest operators in the sector. Brittany Ferries has taken over the UK operations of Gites de France. Together, the two companies will have more than 2,000 gites on offer.

The deal is described as a joint venture. But in reality, the London offices of Gites de France will be reduced to a shell after three disastrous years of trading. The company's sales fell from 100,000 customers in 1993 to an estimated 20,000 this year. Staff numbers have been reduced from 40 to 15 over the same period.

The news came as Britain's biggest operator, Thomson, this week confirmed it has scrapped its French Riviera self-catering and hotels programme for 1997 because of poor sales. While the Channel Tunnel and a ferry price war has encouraged short breaks to France, summer holiday sales are 23 per cent down. Self-catering is the worst hit at 40 per cent down.

Kingsland Holidays, which specialised in France, folded two months ago and several other self-catering operators are in trouble. David Longden, operations director for Brittany Ferries, said: "Self-catering in France has been battered in the last couple of years and we need to bring it back into context."

Both companies have tried to improve the gite product. All-in pricing was introduced in 1995 in some gites, scrapping heating supplements and forcing owners to provide linen and towels. But many owners refused to co-operate, and there has been little renovation.

One French tourism expert said: "They don't realise they have to move with the times. Some owners provide linen and some, especially in the south of France, built pools — but a lot of gites have remained the way they were 20 years ago."

At its peak, Gites de France provided 21 per cent of all gite business from Britain and was at the forefront of attempting change, holding seminars to inform gite owners of the changing nature of the British market. The company tried to diversify into short breaks, B&B, activity holidays, theme parks and ski holidays. These ideas were shelved this year as the company again focused on regaining lost ground in the gite market. But a recent board meeting voted for the merger with Brittany Ferries. No money is involved.

Other operators to France agree that gite appeal has been fading since Britain dropped out of the ERM in 1992 and sterling fell against the franc by 25 per cent. "Our experience over the past two years is that it is a very tough market," said Conrad Morris, general manager of EuroVillages. "The two-week self-catering holiday in France has fewer fans. Now people are taking one week or short-break holidays and staying in the north of France."

The top-end market for villas with pools in France or large houses capable of accommodating two or three families has remained strong. But Brittany Ferries says it will put resources into rejuvenating the gite market, while cutting costs by merging sales teams, databases and booking systems.

It will move Gites de France operations to Plymouth and produce separate 1997 brochures for gites and holiday homes owned by Britons. The merger will give it a dominant share of the gite market and help it to diversify away from ferry operations.

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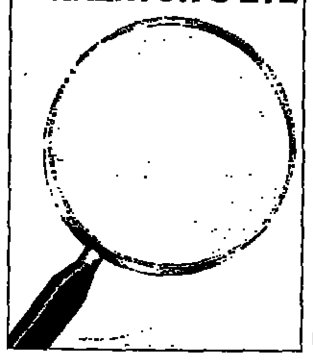

A monthly column from the security and detection agency

LOW RISK

THE Eta separatist bombing campaign along the coastal regions of **Spain** is expected to continue. The **United States** is considered a low risk destination following recent incidents but passengers should expect at least an extra 30-minute wait at check-in counters. On July 26 six bystanders were wounded in a street shooting in San Francisco.

MODERATE RISK

On July 27 a raid on the **Jakarta** headquarters of the opposition Indonesian Democratic Party (PDI) triggered widespread rioting. The ousting of PDI President Megawati Sukarnoputri is likely to continue to cause unrest. Also in **Indonesia** a report claims that thousands of people, including foreigners, have been victimised by "criminal hypnotists" who induce them to hand over jewellery and money. August 24 marks the twelfth anniversary of the beginning of the PKK campaign in **Turkey**. This period has previously resulted in kidnapping and bombings. After three railway bomb incidents in as many days, rail travellers in **Russia** are advised to be cautious.

HIGH RISK

Bands of gunmen in **Colombia** are roving through small towns in Antioquia department killing peasants accused of ties with guerrillas. A series of unclaimed bombings plus recent threats to US concerns in the **Pakistan's** Punjab province make it a high-risk area. On July 26 a police station in the central area of Lima, **Peru**, was car bombed.

EXTREME RISK

Algeria remains volatile following the killing of Djamei Zitouni, the former leader of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA) who is believed responsible for last year's bombing campaign in France, an Air France hijacking and the murder of trappist monks. A more recent hijacking, this time an internal flight, ended without injury on July 24. The security situation in **Burundi** is in a state of flux after the Tutsi-led army installed a junta government on July 25, travel here is not advised. LTTE insurgents (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) have damaged hopes of peace in north and east Sri **Lanka** following military actions and the train bombing south of Colombo.

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Thomson to kill off last-ditch bargains

By Harvey Elliott

CUT-PRICE package holiday deals advertised at the last moment will have disappeared within the next three years, according to Britain's biggest tour operator.

Charles Newbold, managing director of Thomson, said this week that holidaymakers will have to learn that the earlier they book the lower the price, and vice versa.

"It will take two or three years to turn the industry around," he said. "But we will complete the job in 1998."

Thomson introduced "flexible pricing" last year in an effort to reduce the £86 million it cost the company in 1995 to dispose of 298,000 holidays still unsold weeks before the departure date.

Although the scheme — by which discounts are offered when the brochures first go on sale, rather than at the last minute — was not brought in until after Christmas, only 141,000 last-minute bargains have been sold this year, and next year Mr Newbold is confident of halving that number again.

"If people are chatting on their sunbed and discover that their neighbour has paid less for his holiday because he booked early, then it will catch on quickly," Mr Newbold said.

Brochures for summer 1997 go on sale today with prices about 3 per cent higher than this year. "But nobody who books now will pay that price," said Mr Newbold. "We guarantee to discount by between £20 and £100 per couple, depending on the cost of each holiday."

Computers will be checked each day and when holidays are selling well at the discounted price travel agents will be told to charge the full brochure price again.

According to Thomson's detailed research this should help to stimulate the market and reduce losses.

Thomson delayed the launch of its brochures for 1997 from the beginning of last month, when most of its rivals put them into travel agents. "I said that was a daft thing to do and so it has proved," said Mr Newbold.

So far only around 200,000 summer 1997 holidays in total have been booked, and Thomson expects to sell more than that itself by this weekend.

☐ The sale of Thomson holidays to Cuba has been halted because of fears that senior directors and executives could be barred from entering America or taken to court for "trafficking".

A controversial US Bill known as the Helms-Burton law is designed to prevent foreign companies from trading with Cuba, and especially from dealing in assets originally confiscated by the Communists. Although Cuba appears in the new summer 1997 brochure it will not be on sale until talks have been held at government level to ensure that executives will not be held liable under the US law.

Sunworld, First Choice and Cosmos are continuing to send holidaymakers to Cuba and believe that by using only modern hotels they cannot be accused of "trafficking".

☐ Croatia could become a popular holiday destination again next year. Thomson is offering 25,000 holidays in the northern part of the country after being assured that it was perfectly safe.

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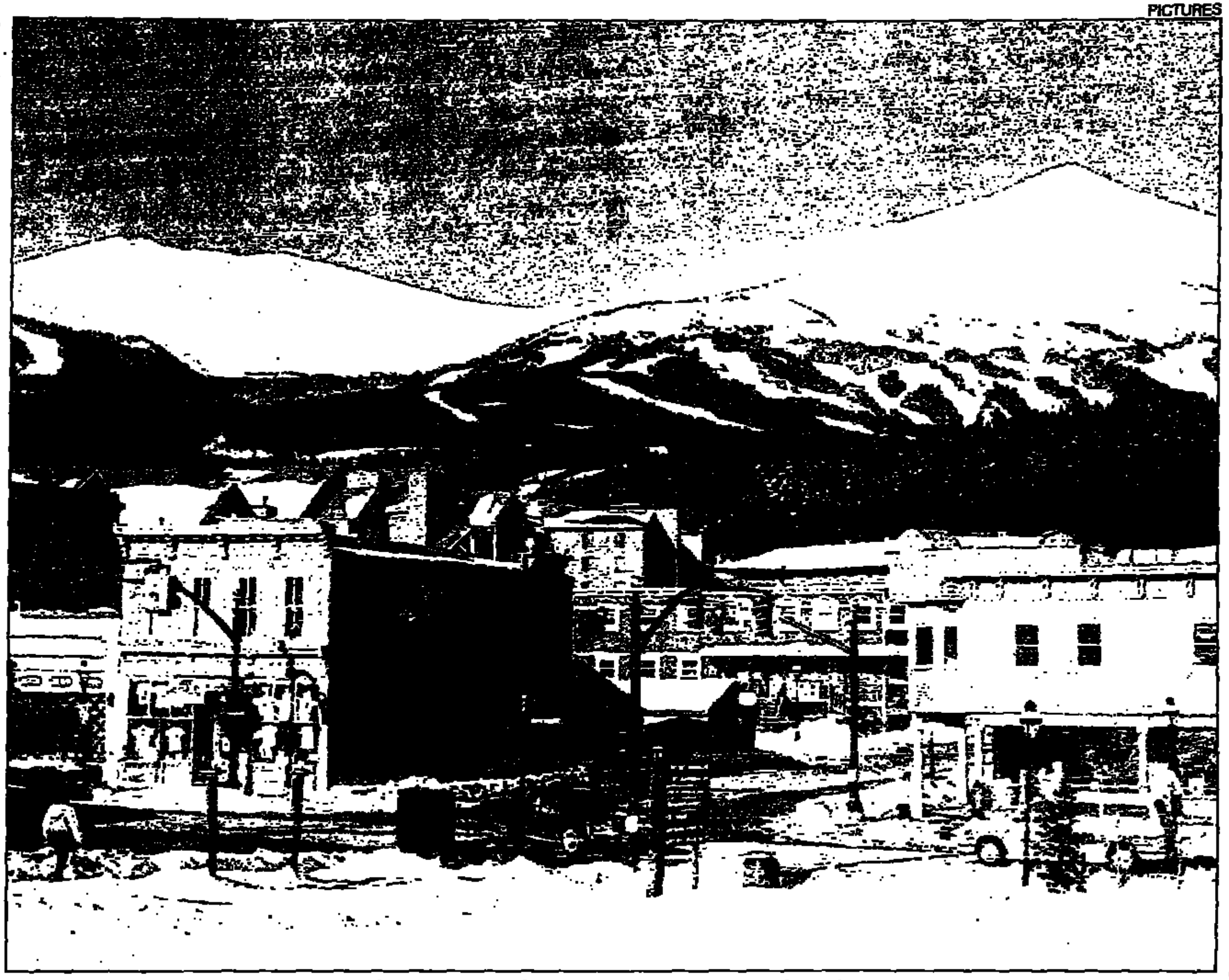


Once the merger is complete, visitors to Breckenridge will be able to ski at both resorts using the one ticket

Resorts link to form US ski giant

By Graham Duffill

TWO of America's largest ski resorts, Vail and Breckenridge in Colorado, are merging to produce a huge ski conglomerate. Breckenridge was the most popular US resort for British skiers last season and the prospect of skiing two of the world's biggest resorts on one ticket will be an even bigger pull.

Although the resorts' slopes are not linked, six ski areas within a 40-mile stretch of Autoroute 70 will now be owned by one company and a joint lift ticket with free shuttle bus connections seems a certainty. Andy Daley, president of Vail Associates, says that is unlikely to happen before the 1997-98 season and will require the permission of the trade commission.

Andy Perrin, Crystal holidays marketing director, says: "It's brilliant news and there will be a lot of pressure on the owners to get over the problems of putting the resorts on the same lift ticket and have it ready for this season.

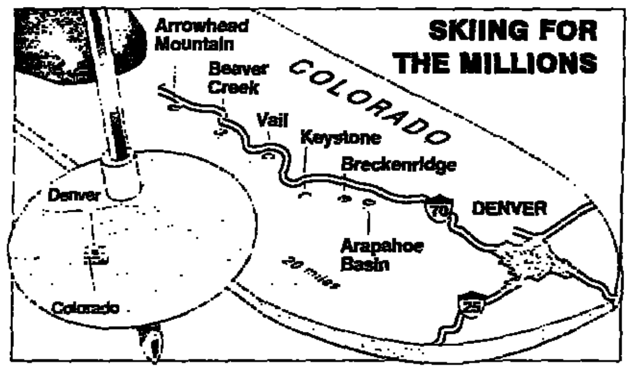
"British skiing holidays to the States average 12 days and most skiers stay in Breckenridge and ski for a day in Vail. Now they will be able to travel just 40 minutes down the road and ski what have been the two most popular resorts on one ticket. Lots of people hire cars and they will be able to zip around at will."

For the skier who is not put off by being in a huge Florida-style theme park it will be the ultimate ski area. Vail is already so large that the town stretches along three exits from the autoroute, has a collection of multi-storey car parks, an outer and inner ring road and 1,100 ski instructors.

Breckenridge's skiing occupies half the area but is still across four linked mountains. The smaller resorts of Beaver Creek, known for its luxurious homes, Keystone, which has night skiing until 11pm and Arapahoe Basin, with skiing at more than 12,000 feet allowing it to stay open until June, would be included in the package.

The new company, Vail Resorts, estimates it will sell five million skier-days a year and generate an annual turnover of $300 million. Around 3,000 British skiers went with tour operators to Breckenridge last year. A total of 25,000 chose America, with up to 10,000 more making their own travel arrangements.

For years the number of skiers travelling to America was static at a negligible 10,000-20,000, an interesting ski holiday for those who could afford £1,000 a head. Now they cost around £600 a head to the US, with Canada as little cheap as £400. Last season, Canada alone took more than 30,000 skiers.



Dubai steps up tourist drive

By Michael Horsnell

EMIRATES, the award-winning airline based in Dubai, has increased seat capacity for its flights into Heathrow and Gatwick with the introduction of two Boeing 777s.

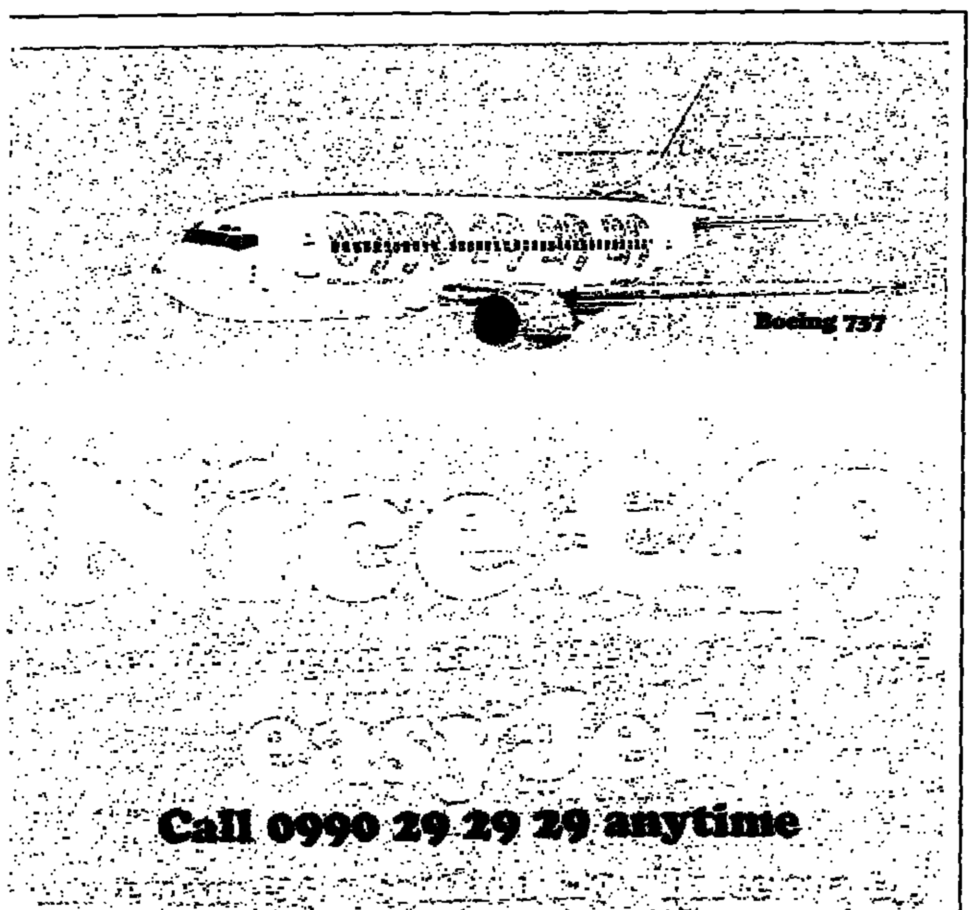
The arrival of the 303-seater aircraft is a measure of Dubai's leap towards a tourist future. The airline, which started with only two aircraft a decade ago, took delivery of its second £125 million Boeing 777 last month . Another five of the world's most advanced aircraft will join the Emirates fleet in the next year to enhance its reputation as the world's best long-haul airline.

Only 30 years after the discovery of oil transformed Dubai from little more than a Bedouin trading post, the emirate has gone into top gear to meet an enforced second change in its image. Sources indicate that the oil which has allowed Dubai to thrive may run out in little more than five years and not the 30 years that was previously supposed.

As the oil revenues dry up there are plans for tourism, which accounts for 15 per cent of its income, to more than double by the year 2000.

Huge investments are being poured in to help the country to diversify in readiness. A spokesman for the emirate's Commerce and Tourism Promotion Board said: "Dubai aims to become the Hong Kong of the Middle East. We have not been told when the oil reserves will dry up but it will be pretty soon. Tourism is still very young here and it has become a major project for us."

Holidaymakers from Britain to Dubai have increased by more than 45 per cent since 1993 to 35,000 last year. And this year British tour operators are reporting a 20 per cent rise over 1995.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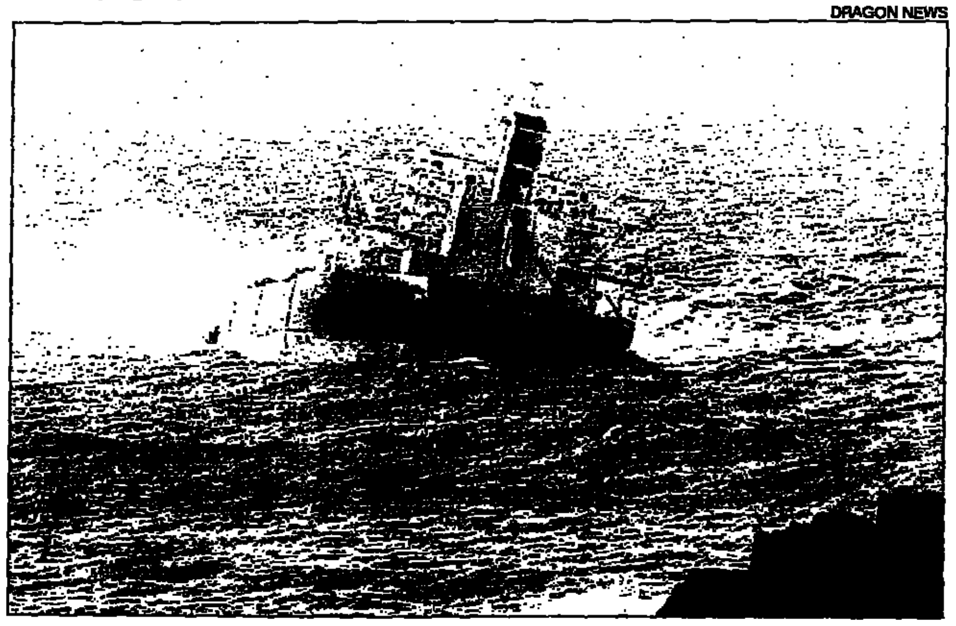

Sea Empress spillage: the clean-up was a success story for the Welsh tourist industry

Wales set for another boom

By Tony Dawe

WALES enjoyed its most successful season for tourism last year and the signs are that 1996 will bring another boom despite the threat posed by the *Sea Empress* oil spillage, says the Wales Tourist Board's annual report published today.

The total number of overnight trips to Wales by people from other parts of Britain increased last year to 10.4 million while the principality attracted 735,000 overseas visitors, 45,000 up on 1994.

"The fine summer weather, a fall in the value of sterling and continued economic uncertainty would appear to have contributed to a strong performance from traditional holiday markets during 1995," the report says.

Tony Lewis, the former international cricketer and television presenter who chairs the tourist board, welcomes the "clear signs for optimism in Wales" and says the board estimates that tourism contributes at least £1.6 billion to the Welsh economy with nearly one in ten of Welsh working people engaged in the business.

He says, however, that the oil spillage which threatened miles of beautiful coastline earlier this year "served as a vivid reminder of the dynamic forces to which tourism can be subjected". He adds: "The reassurance campaign which coincided with the successful clean-up of the affected beaches was an excellent example of an integrated effort by the industry itself, local authorities and tourism bodies."

The report also notes a reversal in the trend of people preferring short breaks with a significant increase in the numbers staying for a longer holiday. Occupancy rates in Welsh hotels were better than 1994 for every month of the year and caravan parks also reported an increase in visitors. Self-catering properties fared less well, partly because of "uncompetitive pricing and inflexible letting arrangements".

The board is allocating £8.7 million of government funds over five years to support investment in six resort areas and seven historic towns with the aim of boosting tourism and creating up to 2,000 new jobs. The areas include the Mumbles and Gower Peninsula, the Llyn Peninsula, Aberystwyth and Llandudno, Caerleon, Caernarvon, Brecon and Machynlleth.

BA starts trials for ticketless flights

By David Churchill

SEVERAL passengers on flight BA2015 from Aberdeen at 6.45 this morning will be the first frequent travellers to use British Airways' ticketless travel system, which starts its "live" trials on the Aberdeen-Gatwick Shuttle route.

The travellers will have arrived at the airport without any traditional airline ticket and simply used their credit cards to "swipe" through an automatic reader at the terminal. This will confirm their reservation, held in the airlines' computer system, and offer them the facility to change their seat location simply by touching the screen.

"We are the first airline in Europe to offer such an on-screen seat changing facility," says Gavin Halliday, BA's UK marketing distribution manager. "The screen displays 'real-time' seat availability and enables, for example, two colleagues to sit together."

Passengers are then automatically given a boarding pass and join the plane in the normal way. A similar "ticketless" machine is in operation at Gatwick for flights to Aberdeen. At present the self-service system is geared to passengers with hand luggage only; those with hold luggage can check in via the desk in the normal way.

The new system is aimed at frequent business travellers who may make reservations at the last minute or do not want to go through the hassle of having a ticket reissued if they change their flight.

For the present, bookings can only be made through BA Ticket Shops or by telephone and a credit card is needed to confirm the reservation. Passengers who are members of BA's Executive Club are also asked to register their membership number as an additional security check and to ensure that Air Miles and membership points are correctly allocated.

From November, BA will also accept ticketless reservations through Hogg Robinson and Portman Travel outlets. If the scheme proves a success, it will be rolled out on other UK routes early next year.

Visitors flock to taste life at court

RECREATING the past in royal palaces so visitors can experience court life as it was centuries ago is adding to their success, *Tony Dawe writes.*

The best year yet, in both commercial and tourism terms, was reported yesterday by the agency responsible for Hampton Court Palace, Kensington Palace and the Tower of London, all of which now feature displays capturing the atmosphere of the past.

The Historic Royal Palaces Agency reported a 9 per cent rise in commercial income to £28.4 million in the last financial year as the palaces welcomed more than four million tourists from 75 countries.

David Beeton, chief executive, said: "It is not our overriding purpose to increase visitor numbers but to give them a memorable experience."

Hampton Court attractions include the world's largest and oldest surviving kitchens, with real fires, real food and real staff in period costume, as well as the Privy Garden, restored to its design of 1700.

The agency is one-third of the way through work at Kensington Palace to show how the Royal Family lived and the court operated in the early 18th century and also has plans for the White Tower at the Tower of London following the move of some of its collection of armour to the new Royal Armouries museum in Leeds.

The agency required £4.2 million from the taxpayer last year, however, because the cost of maintaining and securing the properties exceeded commercial income, but the figure was much lower than in the past. However, the financial position means that tourists who have complained about the high cost of visiting the palaces — £7.50 a person on average — cannot expect cheaper entrance fees.

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Safety: the vital questions

The Travel Business

HARVEY ELLIOTT

The official inquiry into how both engines on a British Midland jet almost ran out of oil has exposed a weak link in air safety which airlines and the Civil Aviation Authority cannot ignore.

Anyone who has flown in a commercial aircraft has sometimes wondered about the skills of the crew and the mechanical integrity of the aircraft, but has been reassured by the calm voice of Captain "Speaking". He or she wants to get there safely — just as much as the passengers.

But little has been heard, until now, of the equally important role played by maintenance engineers who do not fly in the aircraft for which they are responsible, yet who are often under the most horrendous pressures.

Within the past 18 months there have been reports of aircraft taking off with their spoilers flapping in the airstream, of jets being unable to turn left because control surfaces had been left disconnected, of a pilot being sucked out of the cockpit window because the wrong size rivets had been fitted, emergency chutes falling on to towns because they had been wrongly stowed, a fire breaking out in the cabin because a 25 amp circuit breaker was installed instead of a 2.5 amp one, a jumbo jet squatting on to its tail because restraining pins had not been fitted to the undercarriage ... the list goes on.

The common factor is maintenance.

When we board an aircraft we expect it to have been serviced and be fit to fly. Yet, according to last week's devastating report by air accident investigators, it has often been worked on by people who are tired because they are on duty overnight when their bodies and minds are at their most vulnerable. Often they are massively under-staffed, yet constantly being pressured to complete every job which is thrown at them on time so that the airline can keep to its schedules. So they take short cuts.

The Air Accident Investigation Branch (AAIB) report is scathing in its criticism both of British Midland (which was fined £150,000 for "crass negligence") and especially of the Civil Aviation Authority, which appears to have abdicated much of its responsibility for ensuring that standards are maintained.

The time has come for a review of the whole system of aircraft maintenance in Britain when the following questions can be properly addressed:

☐ Should maintenance engineers be given a higher salary and status? Pilots are paid up to £100,000 a year and are regarded in awe by the travelling public. Maintenance engineers are paid between £22,000 and £25,000 a year and totally ignored.

☐ How can the training and working practices of maintenance engineers be improved?

☐ Should the CAA recruit more, better-qualified inspectors to take day-to-day responsibility for policing maintenance work rather than devolve it to the airlines as its policy now dictates?

☐ What can be done to improve the shift system and the working environment in hangars at night?

☐ Are the three levels of check — the airlines', the CAA's and the flight crew's — sufficient?

These are just a few of the many vital questions which the CAA, the airlines and the Department of Transport must consider urgently if an accident is to be avoided, whatever the cost.

As the report says: "Serious incidents are frequently discovered, all too late, to have predicted catastrophic accidents."

Hopefully the near disaster of British Midland Boeing 737 G-OBMM will trigger some urgent action. To repeat the old — but never to be forgotten — adage: "If you think safety is expensive, try having an accident."

Bargains of the week — from fly-drive trips in the French Alps to sailing in Sardinia

HOTELS

PEMBRIDGE Court Hotel, a 19th-century townhouse hotel in West London close to the Portobello Road antiques market, has a summer rate of £130 a night (instead of the normal rate of £155) for a double room including full English breakfast. The offer covers any Friday to Monday night inclusive before the end of August. Details: 0171-229 9977.

■ MILLENNIUM and Copthorne Hotels has a special rate of £75 per person for two nights until the end of August at its four-star hotels outside London. The offer includes breakfast and dinner and can be extended for a further night by paying an extra £30 per person. Details, quoting PB offer: 0800 414741.

■ MORE than 700 hotels and guesthouses in Austria are taking part in a special autumn *Familienherbst* promotion, from September 1 until November 3, which offers free and separate bedrooms for children under 12 staying with parents. Details: 0171-629 0461.

■ CHARINGWORTH Manor Hotel in the Cotswolds has linked up with a local gliding club to provide learn to fly weekend breaks. Price is from £240 per person, including accommodation, dinner and instruction. Details: 01386 593555.

■ THE five Sol Inn hotels in Germany have a special rate until the end of August of DM95 (just over £40) per night for a double room. Children under 12 stay free. Details: 0800 282720.

■ FORTE'S 78 Posthouse hotels are offering a free weekend night, to be redeemed any time before December 22, for guests staying any two weekday nights before September 5. Details "three-for-two" offer: 0800 404040.

■ ETTINGTON Park near Stratford-upon-Avon is offering a free bottle of house wine on arrival along with tickets to nearby Warwick Castle for guests staying before the end of August. Price per person for two nights between Sunday and Thursday is £175, including dinner, rising to £195 over the weekend. Details: 01789 450123.

■ STAY IN two of Jamaica's top hotels, Strawberry Hill and Jamaica Inn, as part of the "room with two views" package available until December 15 from Island Outpost. Price is $1,215 per couple (about £810) for four nights, including transfers and a tour of the island. Details: 0800 614790.

■ THE 260-strong Golden Tulip Hotels worldwide chain, including the Chelsea hotel in London, has a summer promotion until the end of August at rates starting at £33 per person per night. Details: 0800 951000.

■ A 10 PER cent shopping discount at Saks Fifth Avenue is available to guests staying at the New York Palace Hotel at the summer rate of US$199 (about £128) per room per night until September 4. Details through Leading Hotels of the World: 0800 181123.

Join the sailing set in Sardinia for a week from August 10 with Sunworld (see right)

FERRIES

P&O European Ferries has introduced shortbreak fares for the summer. A two-day return on Dover-Calais or Portsmouth-Le Havre/Cherbourg costs £45, a four-day return £69 and eight days, £99. Fares, valid until September 15, apply to a car and up to five passengers. There is a £10 supplement for Saturday travel. Details: 0990 980980.

■ SALLY Ferries is cutting fares through Ferryshop, with £40 five-day returns (bookable within ten days of travel) and standard returns from £71 on its Ramsgate routes to Dunkirk and Ostend. Details: 0990 706050.

■ IRISH Ferries has knocked one-third off two-day fares on its Holyhead-Dublin route, now costing £206 for a car and up to five passengers for travel by September 8. A standard one-way fare is £154. The one-way fare on Pembroke-Rosslare is £159 or £212 for a two-day return. Details: 0345 171717.

■ EUROSTAR has introduced a £49 daytrip fare on its passenger train service from Ashford to Paris, Lille, Brussels or Calais. The fare is available until September 1 and does not have to be booked in advance. Details: 0345 881881.

■ STENA Line has launched its ski-drive product for the winter, with lead-in prices of £39 for a ferry crossing and a week's self-catering in the French Alps, based on eight people in one vehicle. A £50 discount is offered on holidays booked by September 30. Details: 0990 747474.

FLIGHTS

TO LAUNCH its new route from London City Airport on August 19, Air UK is offering one of the cheapest-ever fares to Amsterdam. It is charging just £49 (with no Saturday night stay restriction) for return flights taken before September 8. Details 0345 666777.

■ AIR INDIA sales agent Welcome Travel has special first, business and economy class fares between Heathrow and Toronto. First class is priced at £948, business class £583 and economy £395. Details 0171-439 3627.

■ IF YOU are in Munich and need to travel to Mönchengladbach (near Düsseldorf) or Barcelona, budget airline Debonair will fly you between these cities for just £45 or £70 respectively. Details 0500 046200.

■ BRITISH Airways' latest series of world offers include Bologna for £210, Bordeaux £149, Milan £222 and Montpellier £139. Book before August 7. Details 0345 222111.

■ LUFTHANSA has low summer fares to Germany and selected continental destinations. Cologne and Düsseldorf, for example, cost £86 while Leipzig is priced at £141, Frankfurt £118 and Stuttgart £121. Details 0345 737747.

■ SABENA has extended its business bonus fares to include travel from Heathrow and London City. A typical saving would be £108 for a flight between London and Turin (£360 as against £468). Details 0181-780 1444.

HOLIDAYS

SAILING and windsurfing are included in holidays in Cannigione, Sardinia, on offer from Sunworld Sailing for a week from August 10. The price of £577 a person is based on four people sharing a two-bedroom apartment with return flights. Details: 01273 626284.

■ MAJORCA for a fortnight's Airtours self-catering holiday with a flight from Manchester on Saturday is available for £399 a person from Co-op Travelcare. Details: 0161-827 1030.

■ APARTMENTS in Umbria and Tuscany for a week from August 10 and 17 are available from Crusader Travel with prices from £288 for accommodation for four people in two bedrooms. Flights extra. Details: 0181-744 0474.

■ DISNEYLAND PARIS by coach with two nights' hotel accommodation and a day's entrance to the park for £135 for adults and £49 for children under 11 is on offer from Leger with departures from 300 pick-up points in England and Wales on August 18. Details: 01709 839839.

■ JERSEY for a week from August 18 or 25 for £215 a person, saving up to £139, is on offer from Modern Hotels. The price includes return ferry crossings from Weymouth, half-board accommodation and entertainment. Holidays by air available at a supplement. Details: 01534 59529.

■ FLY-DRIVE holidays to the Queyras regional park in the French Alps are being introduced by Inntravel for three weeks from August 25 with prices starting from £249 a person in a party of four, including Heathrow-Lyons flights, car hire and a week's self-catering accommodation. Details: 01653 628862.

■ LATE summer and autumn self-catering holidays in France, Italy, Spain, Portugal and New England are available from Individual Travellers from £154 to £400 per person per week including travel arrangements. Details: 01798 869433.

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■ DUBAI for six nights for £427 a person is on offer from Travel Warehouse with return flights on Emirates from Gatwick and accommodation at the Golden Sands Apartments. Details: 0171-414 8808.

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NEWS

£400,000 bill for Botham and Lamb

■ Ian Botham and Allan Lamb were last night facing a bill of up to £400,000 after losing their libel case against Imran Khan, the former Pakistan cricket captain.

The two former England stars said they were astonished by the jury's verdict on their claim that Imran called them cheats and racists. But both insisted that they had no regrets in bringing the case. "How can one regret it? I fought for my dignity and honesty," Botham said .... **Pages 1, 4**

Howard ready to bring in gun ban

■ Michael Howard is expected to override Conservative MPs' objections and ban private ownership of handguns if the Dunblane inquiry says he should. The Home Secretary will introduce a Bill for new controls if Lord Cullen puts forward proposals that require legislation .... **Pages 1, 2**

Yachtsman thwarted

Ben Ainslie, Britain's youngest-ever Olympic sailor, saw his gold medal hopes in the Laser class dashed when he and his rival were disqualified .... **Page 1**

Blair loses support

Tony Blair's personal approval rating has fallen to its lowest level since he was elected Labour leader, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times* .... **Page 1**

Causing a stink?

The stinking lily of Kew Gardens finally came into flower, and proved a red herring. Its allegedly awful fishy smell was noticeable only by its almost complete absence .... **Page 1**

Siddons killer jailed

A family celebrated an 18-year campaign for justice, as a teenager's killer was jailed for life. Michael Brookes showed no emotion as he was convicted of killing Lynn Siddons .... **Page 3**

Moynihan boys lose

The "colourful and disreputable" life of the late Baron Moynihan of Leeds was laid bare in judgment that cleared the way for his half-brother, Colin Moynihan, to inherit the title .... **Page 5**

SAS author held

A bestselling author who says he was part of an SAS death squad in Northern Ireland in the 1970s was arrested by the RUC and held for questioning .... **Page 5**

Villiers victory

Janie Villiers, the blind daughter of a renowned car engineer, won damages of £160,000 against Rolls-Royce in a legal action for breach of contract begun by her late father .... **Page 6**

Regulator defended

The National Heritage Secretary was standing by Peter Davis, the National Lottery regulator, after a Commons committee accused him of "serious errors of judgment" .... **Page 8**

Autumn strikes likely

French union leaders and government ministers will head off on holiday this month in the knowledge that the stage is set for a renewed unrest when they return in September .... **Page 10**

Township battles

Youths battled with police and attacked journalists in Tembisa township, northeast of Johannesburg, as they vented their anger over a railway station stampede that left 15 dead .... **Page 11**

Buchanan's threat

Pat Buchanan, the biggest thorn in Bob Dole's side, all but threatened to quit the Republican Party if his conservative agenda continues to be ignored .... **Page 12**

Atlanta search

FBI agents searched the house of Richard Jewell, the security guard being investigated for the Atlanta bombing .... **Page 13**

First, catch your grey squirrel

■ Not all the blame for the demise of the red squirrel, which is the focus of a new preservation campaign, can be laid at the door of Mr Brocklehurst, who released a pair of North American grey squirrels into his garden in 1876. In 1902 a further 100 were released in Surrey. Why they were brought in is not clear, but they became popular as food .... **Page 9**

Sixty Zulus, who are all members of the South African police service, go through a dress rehearsal for the Edinburgh Tattoo at the city's Redford Barracks. The tattoo is due to open to the public at Edinburgh castle tomorrow

BUSINESS

Jobs: Royal & Sun Alliance, Britain's biggest insurance company, announced the closure of 94 branches and the loss of 1,300 jobs .... **Page 23**

Pharmaceuticals: Glaxo Wellcome plans to shed 7,000 jobs and to make savings of £700 million a year by the end of 1998 .... **Page 23**

Banking: Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank, has slapped an injunction on one of its high flyers in an apparent attempt to prevent the departure of key clients and staff .... **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 34.7 points to close at 3703.2. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 84.9 to 84.6 after a fall from $1.5560 to $1.5553 and from DM2.2988 to DM2.2910 .... **Page 26**

SPORT

Olympic Games: Britain's tally of medals was swelled by a bronze from Max Sciandri in the cycling road race and by Tim Henman and Neil Broad who guaranteed at least a silver by reaching the final of the men's tennis doubles. Ben Ainslie lost his chance of a gold in the Laser class sailing when he was disqualified .... **Pages 41, 44**

Cricket: Lancashire and Yorkshire, who met in the semi-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup, were paired together in the draw for the same stage of the NatWest Trophy. Surrey play Essex in the other match .... **Page 38**

Motor racing: Ferrari are expected to re-sign the Ulsterman Eddie Irvine as team-mate to Michael Schumacher .... **Page 39**

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David Sinclair on the debut solo single from former Take That lead singer Robbie Williams, and other new releases

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Life after 'Chelle: Nine months after leaving *EastEnders*, Susan Tully has almost left the character of Michelle behind and is carving out a new life .... **Page 15**

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Dr Thomas Stuttaford explains why liver transplants excite little interest now, and looks at a new treatment for motor neurone disease .... **Page 14**

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Everyone condemns terrorism. But one man's terrorist is another's freedom fighter. At least the G7 nations, plus Russia, had the same objectives in Paris, even though they weren't unanimous about the methods of fighting terrorism

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Lack of vision

Peter Davis, the Director-General of Oflot, is not up to his job. Mrs Bottomley, who appointed him, should act accordingly .... **Page 17**

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The Liverpool four admit their vandalism, and the court that allows them to escape the consequences of their actions does us all a disservice .... **Page 17**

Pig-hoo-o-o-o-ey!

British pigs would have a flying start over the squat Vietnamese pigs from the Pacific nations who are so mortifyingly ahead of us at Atlanta .... **Page 17**

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The personal problems of the Royal Family have distracted attention from the more profound constitutional issues which would have to be faced whatever the royal personalities were .... **Page 16**

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Lord Cullen's report on the Dunblane massacre will be the only one that ultimately matters. He is unlikely to propose a blanket ban on private gun ownership .... **Page 16**

ROGER SCRUTON

Oxford has created 162 new professors, who will have the title but no chairs, so that only those who are already able to tell the difference between first-rate and second-rate scholarship will know which Oxford professor truly deserves the title .... **Page 16**

JOHN BRYANT

The masters of the Olympic Games can stage manage much, but unforgettable moments are never minted so easily. They often have little to do with winning .... **Page 42**

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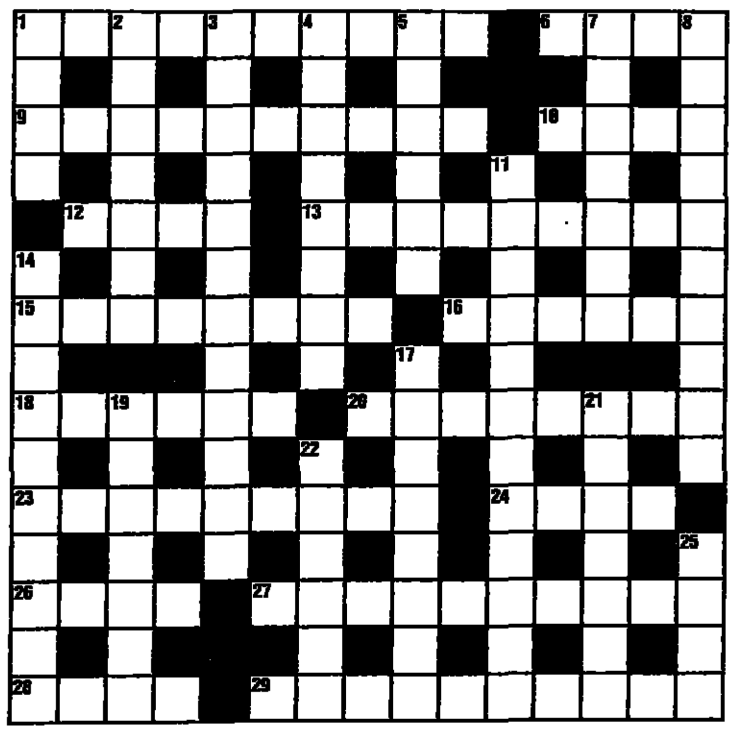

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Essex/Herts/Beds/Bucks/Berks/Oxon	732
Kent/Surrey/Sussex/Hants	734
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Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

AA Roadwatch is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.25 am
Sun sets: 8.48 pm

Moon sets 8.10 am
Moon rises 9.38 pm

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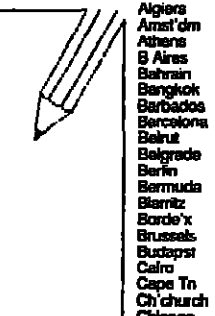
London 8.48 pm to 5.26 am
Bristol 8.58 pm to 5.36 am
Edinburgh 9.20 pm to 5.19 am
Manchester 9.05 pm to 5.26 am
Penzance 9.05 pm to 5.53 am



FORECAST

☐ **General:** All areas will have a mixture of sunshine and showers.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** bright or sunny then cloudier with bands of showers, clearing again later. Wind westerly, light. Warm, max 23C (73F).

☐ **E England, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** bright with sunny periods, isolated showers. Winds southwest, light. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N:** showers and some sun. Wind southwesterly, moderate. Warm, max 21C (70F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland:** cloudy with blustery showers, risk of thunder, becoming brighter and less windy. Wind strong, southwest, easing and becoming westerly. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Outlook:** some showers on Friday, then all parts dry warm and sunny on Saturday.

☐ **Pollen forecast:** low in west Scotland, Northern Ireland, North Wales and London; low to moderate in North England; moderate in East Scotland, Midlands, East Anglia, South Wales, the South East and South West.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.9	0.01	18	64	sh	Leuchars	2.5	0.02	23	73	t
Aspatria	3.9	-	17	63	b	London	4.5	0.07	23	73	b
Aviemore	5.0	0.06	15	59	r	Manchester	2.0	0.01	18	64	c
Belfast	6.2	0.04	17	63	sh	Margate	2.6	0.01	23	73	b
Birmingham	8.2	0.01	21	70	s	Minehead	1.2	0.02	18	64	c
Bognor R	6.0	0.03	21	70	s	Morecambe	1.4	0.01	18	64	b
Bournem'th	6.7	0.01	22	72	s	Newcastle	4.2	0.01	19	66	b
Bristol	6.1	0.05	20	68	b	Newquay	0.1	0.04	18	64	c
Buxton	1.8	0.03	16	61	b	Norwich	6.5	0.01	23	73	s
Cardiff	0.2	0.11	19	66	c	Penzance	X	0.04	21	70	s
Clacton	6.9	-	21	70	s	Poole	6.8	0.05	25	77	s
Colwyn Bay	2.5	0.03	21	70	b	Prestatyn	X	0.02	20	68	b
Cromer	4.7	-	19	66	b	Ross-o-wye	6.0	0.02	21	70	s
Dunbar	5.9	0.01	20	68	sh	Ryde	7.3	0.03	23	73	s
Eastbourne	3.7	0.02	20	68	b	Salcombe	6.9	0.02	21	70	s
Eskdalemuir	2.5	0.06	15	59	sh	Sandown	6.1	-	23	73	s
Exmouth	5.8	0.05	21	70	b	Scarboro'	7.7	-	17	63	b
Falmouth	5.5	-	18	64	du	Shanklin	7.5	0.01	X	X	s
Fishguard	2.9	0.01	18	64	r	Shrewsbury	2.7	0.02	19	66	b
Folkestone	0.2	0.04	19	66	c	Skegness	5.8	-	23	73	b
Glasgow	6.1	0.04	18	64	sh	Southend	X	0.01	23	73	s
Guernsey	3.7	0.02	22	72	c	Southport	1.9	0.01	18	64	c
Hastings	1.0	0.03	19	66	c	Southsea	8.2	0.04	22	72	sh
Hayling I.	6.9	0.05	22	72	s	Stornoway	4.2	0.44	14	57	sh
Herne Bay	3.2	0.02	24	75	b	Swanage	7.7	0.03	21	70	s
Hove	6.3	0.01	19	66	b	Tiree	0.5	0.23	14	57	r
Isle of Man	5.0	0.02	17	63	sh	Torquay	6.8	0.01	22	72	s
Jersey	4.7	0.01	22	72	c	Ventnor	7.9	-	20	68	s
Leeds	3.3	0.02	18	64	c	West-s-mare	2.5	0.18	20	68	c
Lerwick	0.4	0.10	13	55	sh	Weymouth	8.8	0.06	20	68	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	27	81	s	Corfu	29	84	s	Majorca	29	84	s	Rome	27	81	f
Akrotiri	31	88	s	C'phagn	20	68	f	Malaga	26	79	s	S Fr'sco	18	64	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Dublin	17	63	d	Malta	31	88	s	S Paulo	X		
Algiers	29	84	f	Dubrovnik	27	81	s	Melb'rne	14	57	c	Salzburg	23	73	f
Amst'dm	20	68	c	Faro	31	88	s	Mexico C	20	68	f	Santiago	23	73	s
Athens	30	86	s	Florence	19	66	f	Miami	X			Seoul	31	88	f
B Aires	-2	28	s	Frankfurt	23	73	f	Milan	25	77	f	Sing'por	32	90	f
Bahrain	39	102	s	Funchal	26	79	s	Montreal	22	72	fg	St'kholm	20	68	s
Bangkok	31	88	c	Geneva	23	73	r	Moscow	23	73	f	Strasb'rg	24	75	f
Barbados	31	88	f	Gibraltar	24	75	s	Munich	22	72	c	Sydney	17	63	s
Barcelona	28	82	s	Helsinki	15	59	f	N Delhi	32	90	f	Tangier	29	84	s
Beirut	30	86	s	Hong K	29	84	c	N York	23	73	s	Tel Aviv	32	90	s
Belgrade	31	88	s	Innsbrck	21	70	f	Nairobi	23	73	f	Tenerife	28	82	s
Berlin	20	68	f	Istanbul	30	86	s	Naples	30	86	s	Tokyo	31	88	f
Bermuda	28	82	c	Jeddah	38	100	s	Nice	26	79	s	Toronto	25	77	f
Biarritz	22	72	t	Jo'burg	20	68	s	Oslo	19	66	s	Tunis	34	93	s
Borde'x	23	73	c	L Angels	27	81	s	Paris	22	72	c	Valencia	28	82	f
Brussels	20	68	c	L Palmas	27	81	f	Peking	29	84	f	Vanc'ver	19	66	s
Budapst	27	81	f	Le Touqt	18	64	f	Perth	17	63	c	Venice	19	66	f
Cairo	35	95	s	Lisbon	26	79	s	Prague	21	70	f	Vienna	23	73	f
Cape Tn	15	59	s	Locarno	28	82	f	Reykjavik	12	54	r	Warsaw	22	72	s
Ch'church	5	41	X	Luxembg	19	66	c	Rhodes	29	84	s	Wash'ton	27	81	f
Chicago	22	72	s	Luxor	42	108	s	Rio de J	18	64	f	Wel'ngton	8	46	X
Cologne	22	72	f	Madrid	34	93	s	Riyadh	43	109	s	Zurich	20	68	f

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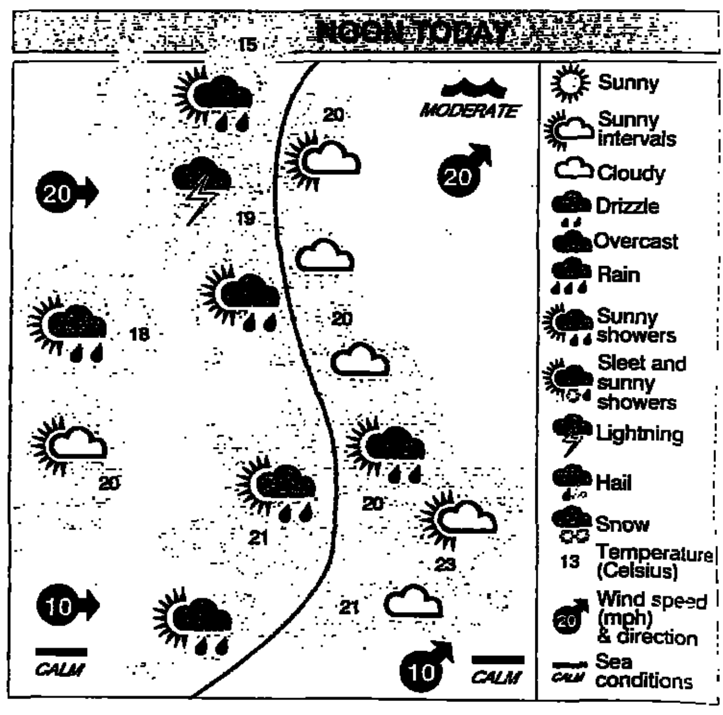

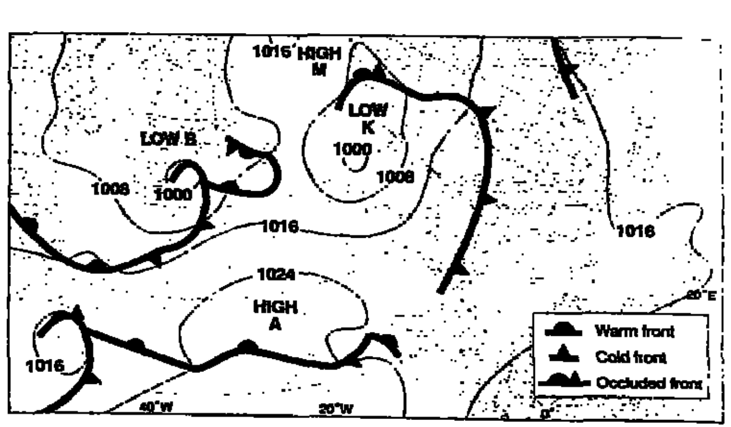

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London Bridge	2.48	7.5	3.08	7.4	Leith	3.30	6.0	4.01	6.0
Aberdeen	2.09	4.6	2.48	4.5	Liverpool	-	-	12.29	9.9
Avonmouth	8.24	14.1	8.45	14.5	Lowestoft	10.27	2.8	11.11	2.6
Belfast	-	-	12.20	3.6	Margate	1.05	5.0	1.15	5.0
Cardiff	8.19	12.8	8.40	13.0	Milford Haven	7.17	7.3	7.38	7.5
Devonport	7.00	5.5	7.19	5.8	Newquay	6.08	7.2	6.28	7.5
Dover	-	-	12.11	7.1	Oban	6.46	4.0	7.12	4.3
Dublin (N Wall)	0.05	4.5	12.45	4.2	Penzance	5.42	5.7	6.04	6.0
Falmouth	6.19	5.3	6.41	5.8	Portland	8.06	2.2	8.28	2.4
Greenock	1.27	3.7	1.56	3.4	Portsmouth	0.04	4.9	12.39	5.0
Harwich	0.37	4.4	12.58	4.3	Shoreham	0.04	6.6	12.35	6.7
Holyhead	11.29	5.8	11.45	6.1	Southampton	11.58	4.9	-	-
Hull (Albert D)	7.09	8.2	7.47	7.9	Swansea	7.26	9.9	7.48	10.3
Ilfracombe	7.10	9.8	7.32	10.1	Tees	4.34	5.8	5.09	5.7
King's Lynn	7.07	7.5	7.32	7.2	Walton-on-Naze	0.33	4.5	12.55	4.5

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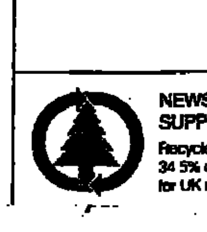
HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Wattisham, Suffolk, 25C (77F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Stornoway, Western Isles, 0.44in; highest sunshine: Weymouth, Dorset, 8.8hr



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Total number of lives saved so far this year:	305
Total number of lifeboat launches so far this year:	1,768
Cost to RNLI per day:	£173,000
Cost to taxpayer:	£0
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THURSDAY AUGUST 1 1996

Former British Rail managers share £80m profit

By Jonathan Prynn
Transport Correspondent

THE Government was facing a furious political row over rail privatisation yesterday as 50 former British Rail managers and staff celebrated an £80 million profit from a train leasing company they acquired six months ago.

Labour condemned the £825 million sale of the Porterbrook rolling stock leasing company to Stagecoach as "scandalous" and said it confirmed the public's worst fears about BR being sold on the cheap.

Porterbrook, which leases 3,774 trains to 16 rail companies, about a quarter of BR's former rail fleet, was bought by a management buyout team from the Government in November last year for £527 million.

Management and staff put up about 20 per cent of the £75 million initial equity with the rest financed by Charterhouse, the merchant bank, and bank debt. Yesterday's deal values the equity at £475 million with the management team's original stake of £15 million now worth about £95 million.

The sale has made multimillionaires of the company's six executive directors, led by Sandy Anderson, the managing director. Middle managers and junior staff, who all invested in the buyout, also stand to make hundreds of thousands of pound each. "Sandy won't be worrying about his gas bills any more," said one deal insider.

Glenda Jackson, a Labour transport spokeswoman, said: "This is absolutely scandalous. Since Porterbrook was privatised not a single new train has been built or even ordered and yet here are the managers turned into overnight millionaires. Yet again the taxpayer suffers while the fat cat controllers lick the cream."

All the managers and staff involved in the buyout will be staying with the company and Mr Anderson will join the board of Stagecoach. They will have to take Stagecoach shares for about 40 per cent of their holdings in Porterbrook with the remainer in cash or shares.

The £1.8 billion sale of the three rolling stock rail companies, which own all 16,000 former BR locomotives and carriages, was criticised as too low when it was announced by Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, in November.

The trains had originally been valued at £3 billion but a two-year worldwide auction held by Hambros Bank, the Government's advisers on the sale, yielded just five serious offer for the companies.

The disposals, the largest made under privatisation with the exception of the £2 billion Railtrack flotation, were hampered by the political uncertainty surrounding the BR sell-off last year. One bid collapsed days before the offer deadline when National Westminster Bank pulled out.

Yesterday's sale of Porterbrook, which was met with an ecstatic reaction in the City, where Stagecoach shares soared 53p, will fuel criticisms of the Government's handling of rail privatisation.

The deal doubles the size of Stagecoach's rail operations, which now exceed its core coach business. Brian Souter, executive chairman of Stagecoach, said he had been attracted to Porterbrook by its "innovative" approach to rolling stock investment. Mr Souter said Stagecoach would be placing a £90 million order from Porterbrook for 30 new trains on its South West Trains franchise within a few weeks.

Mr Souter said the company had already held preliminary talks with the Office of Fair Trading and the Office of the Rail Franchise Director about the deal's implications for competition but was confident it would not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

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Post-merger cost cutting goes on

New drugs lift Glaxo Wellcome

By Eric Reguly

NEW drugs and continued post-merger cutting of costs handed Glaxo Wellcome, the world's largest pharmaceuticals company, higher than expected interim earnings.

The group reported a pretax profit of £1.55 billion, or 29.7p a share, in the half year to the end of June, up 34 per cent from the £1.16 billion, or 24.2p a share, in the comparable period a year ago.

The 1995 period includes three-and-a-half months of contribution from Wellcome, which was acquired by Glaxo for £9 billion last year. Sales, on a pro-forma basis, rose 6 per cent to £4.19 billion.

Analysts had forecast pretax profits ranging from £1.36 billion to £1.5 billion. The shares climbed after the release of the results, but closed down 4½p, at 894½p, after a bout of profit-taking.

Glaxo said that cost savings from the integration of Glaxo and Wellcome were the driving force behind the rise in profit margins from 32 per cent to almost 39 per cent in the half-year period. The group plans to shed 7,000 jobs and save about £700 million a year by the end of 1998.

Sir Richard Sykes, chief executive, said the integration was basically complete although costs would continue to come down until the end of the decade as manufacturing sites were closed and computers made research and development more efficient.

Sir Richard sounded an optimistic note on the future, noting that sales of new products — drugs launched since 1990 — had more than offset the decline of Zantac, the ulcer treatment that has lost its patent protection in Germany and some other markets.

Sales of Zantac, which reached about $4 billion a year at their peak, making it the world's best selling prescription drug, are set to decline rapidly after mid-1997, when the end of its US protection will trigger an onslaught of generic competition.

Zantac, which accounts for 24 per cent of Glaxo's total business, had sales of £1 billion in the first half, down 16 per cent. But sales of new products rose 51 per cent to £327 million. The products include Imigran, an anti-migraine drug whose sales grew 78 per cent to £263 million, and Serevent, a respiratory treatment whose sales came to £181 million, up 40 per cent.

Sir Richard said: "This is confirmation that the revenues earned over many years by the pre-eminence of Zantac are being replaced, not by a single successor product, but by a range of important medicines in several key therapeutic areas."

Glaxo hopes to keep the momentum going with the launch of four new products in America before the end of the year. However, not all new products are on the rise. Competition reduced the sales of Zofran, its main oncology drug, by 7 per cent. The company said that Zofran was now "stabiliising" and had the potential to expand in new markets.

Some analysts said that the decline in Zantac sales was higher than expected. The company is trying to play down the impact of the loss of Zantac's patent in the US, but has made no forecasts on the expected sales decline.

Glaxo also played down the likelihood of another acquisition even though it has managed to knock down its net debt to £2.1 billion, from £3.2 billion; at the end of last year through strong cash flow and the sale of its over-the-counter operations for £581 million.

Glaxo does not seem to have the appetite for another hostile acquisition and knows that any large-scale purchase would be disruptive to employees, who are still reeling from the redundancy programme.

Sir Richard said he expected few mega-mergers in the near future. He added: "At the moment, there appears to be a relative degree of stability in the market place."

Glaxo's interim dividend is being maintained at 15p. It said that shareholders would see a satisfactory year-on-year dividend increase.

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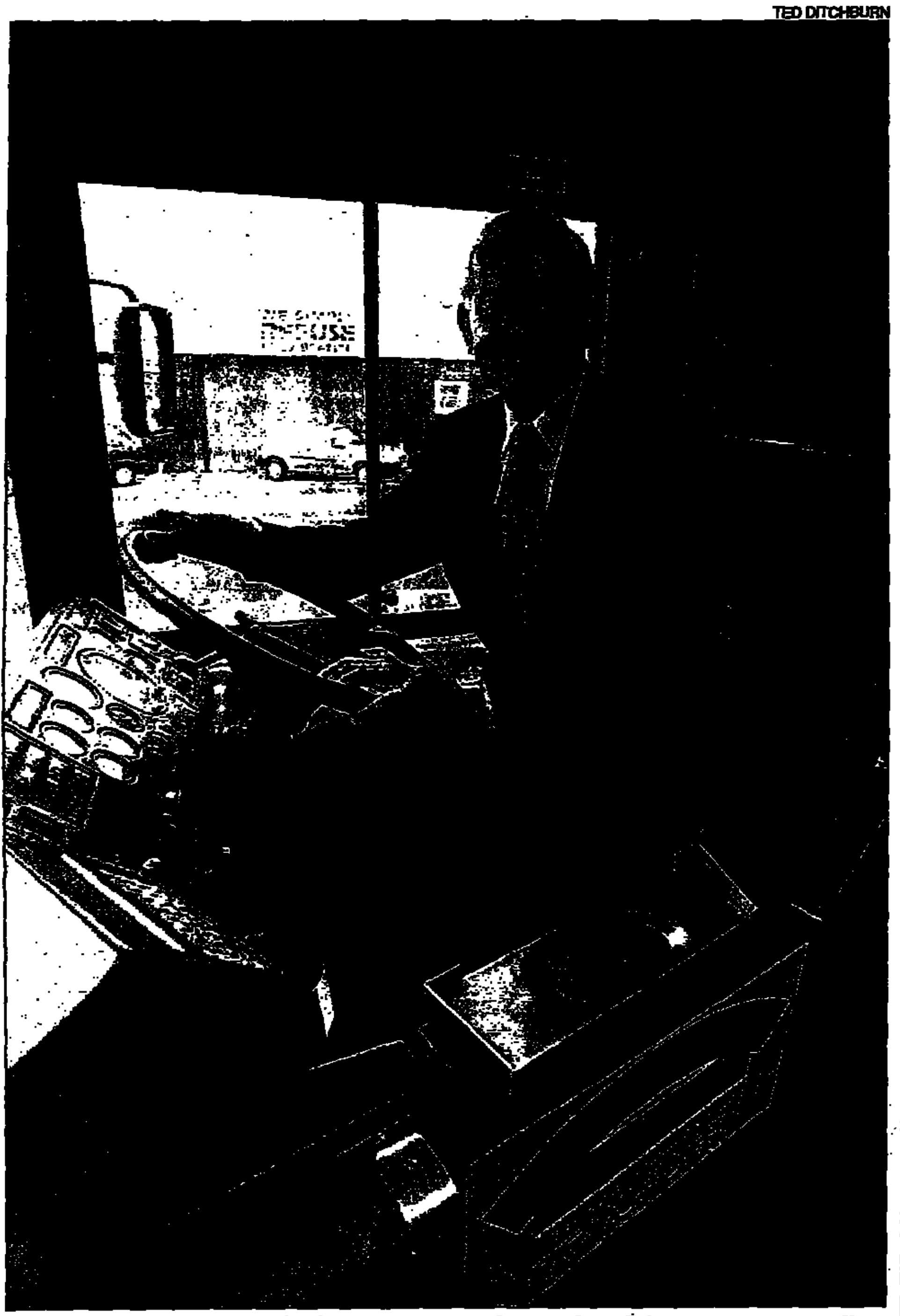

Gordon Hodgson, Cowie chief executive, yesterday continued the company's spending spree with the acquisition of North East Bus group for £26.5 million. Full story page 25

Over 1,000 jobs to go at Royal & Sun

By Caroline Merrell

ROYAL & Sun Alliance, the UK's biggest insurance company, announced the closure of 94 branches and the loss of 1,300 jobs yesterday, just ten days after making its stock market debut as a merged company. The move marks the first phase of a two-year redundancies programme.

The insurance company, formed from the merger between Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance, plans to cut its combined worldwide workforce by 5,000 from the current level of 45,000 by 1998. The company claimed that the branch closures were divided equally between the two former companies.

As well as announcing 300 job losses in branches, the company said that it was reducing staff numbers at the former Sun Alliance head office in Horsham, West Sussex, by 500 to 2,000, and cutting staff at the Royal's former head office in Liverpool by the same number to 3,000.

The branch closures would increase competitiveness in the direct market by cutting costs substantially, it said.

Further job losses are expected to be finalised at management level later this month. The company also said that it had made 89 management appointments across its four operating divisions.

The insurer is restructuring its management by inviting staff to reapply for their jobs.

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FT-SE A All share	1835.44	(+13.33)
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New York:		
Dow Jones	5524.47	(+42.54)*
S&P Composite	639.34	(+4.08)*
Federal Funds	5¼%*	(5⁵⁄₁₆%)
Long Bond	87²³⁄₃₂*	(87⁷⁄₁₆)
Yield	6.99%*	(7.04%)
3-mth interbank	5¾%	(5¾%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	106²¹⁄₃₂	(106¹⁵⁄₁₆)
New York:		
$	1.5560*	(1.5575)
London:		
$	1.5571	(1.5564)
DM	2.2933	(2.2992)
FFr	7.7819	(7.8020)
SFr	1.8638	(1.8721)
Yen	166.18	(167.95)
£ Index	84.6	(84.9)
London:		
DM	1.4725*	(1.4770)
FFr	4.9965*	(5.0095)
SFr	1.1975*	(1.2027)
Yen	106.78*	(107.95)
$ Index	95.6	(96.0)
Tokyo close Yen 107.13		
Brent 15-day (Oct)	$18.70	($18.45)
London close	$385.25	($384.75)

* denotes midday trading price

Number of repossessed homes falls in first half

By Sara McConnell

JUST over 24,000 households had their homes repossessed in the first six months of this year, 1,100 fewer than at the same time last year and 110 fewer than in the second half of last year, the Council of Mortgage Lenders said yesterday.

The latest figures confirm the gradual fall in repossessions since their peak in the second half of 1991, although the total has hovered stubbornly close to the 24,500 mark since 1994. In absolute terms the figures are at their lowest for six years.

There was a more marked reduction in the number of households seriously in arrears on their mortgages, with a 13 per cent drop in borrowers 12 months or more behind with payments and a total fall in all arrears of 10 per cent.

Adrian Coles, the director-general of the CML, welcomed the figures as a "considerable improvement", but cautioned against overoptimism. He said: "The key is to get a sustained and gradual recovery".

Mr Coles cited a combination of falling unemployment, affordable mortgages, rising house prices and better arrears counselling and management by lenders as the main reasons for the continuing improvement. But a sharp rise in interest rates could easily throw people back into arrears.

Rising house prices allowed lenders to sell 27,810 repossessed homes, up from 26,880 in the second half of last year and 24,230 in the first half of last year. Mr Coles denied that lenders would take advantage of a rising market to increase their repossession activity.

Bank serves injunction on departing star player

By Jon Ashworth

KLEINWORT Benson has served an injunction on one of its former star players in an apparent attempt to prevent the departure of key clients and staff. Tim Horlick, soon to take up a senior position with Salomon Brothers, has been ordered to hand over confidential papers, and is barred from approaching his former colleagues.

Kleinwort Benson, part of Dresdner Bank, has suffered a number of staff losses recently. Mr Horlick, 35, former co-head of Global Equity Capital Markets, resigned last month to take up a position with Salomon, which is recruiting aggressively under Peter Middleton, former chief executive of Lloyd's of London. He starts as chief operating officer of European Investment Banking in September.

Mr Horlick's assignments at Kleinwort Benson included the flotation of Deutsche Telekom. He is barred from poaching members of his former team and is threatened with damages for breach of contract and/or wrongful use of information. The move is heavy-handed, even by the standards of the City where departing employees routinely spend a period of time on "gardening leave".

Mr Horlick leaves for France on holiday today. His wife, Nicola, head of asset management at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, said: "The whole thing's a nonsense. Kleinwort has just got completely paranoid and hysterical." She believed the action was linked to a Hungarian issue called MOL2, which was jointly awarded to KB and Salomon soon after Mr Horlick resigned. He worked on the original MOL issue.

There was no comment from Kleinwort Benson.

Directors at S&N enjoy pay bonanza

DIRECTORS at Scottish and Newcastle brewing group enjoyed pay rises averaging 22 per cent last year (Alisdair Murray writes). Brian Stewart, chief executive, saw his base salary increased by 15 per cent, to £348,000, and his bonus payment by 62 per cent, to £63,000, according to the annual report.

There were 24 per cent rises for Guy Dickson, chairman of Scottish Courage (to £273,000), and Ian Hannah, chairman of S&N's retail division (to £293,000), and 23 per cent for Derek Wilkinson, finance director (to £238,000).

Price proposal hits NIE shares

From Eileen McCabe in Dublin

SHARES in Northern Ireland Electricity fell 53p to 353p after the electricity regulator recommended that the company reduce its prices by almost one third next year.

After a year-long investigation into NIE's tariffs, which are 23 per cent higher than the British average, the regulator, Douglas McIldoon, recommended changes to NIE's price controls which should result in a a reduction of 1p a unit from April next year. The proposed changes would knock 12 per cent off total domestic users' bills and 6 per cent off industry's electricity costs. The recommendations only directly affect between 20 and 40 per cent of final electricity prices.

However NIE said the proposals could affect the reliability of services and investment in new projects, and would also have a significant impact on revenues. It was "quite surprised at the severity of the proposed reduction". NIE can accept the recommendations or refer the issue to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

NIE recorded a 23 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £107.4 million for the year ended March 1995.

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Jobs threat as rental chain calls receiver

By Sarah Cunningham

COLORVISION, the television and video rental chain, yesterday asked its bankers to call in administrative receivers, putting 800 jobs at risk.

The board said the company, which has debts of some £1.5 million, was unable to trade within its credit limits because of poor sales and the continuing impact of problems earlier in the year with the Office of Fair Trading. Arthur Andersen was appointed receiver last night.

In January, the Liverpool-based chain had its consumer credit licence revoked by the OFT after a series of dishonest practices, including selling second-hand goods as new.

In May the OFT agreed not to contest Colorvision's appeal against the revocation of its licences. In return, the founder directors agreed to step aside as part of a financial restructuring, and the company gave assurances about its future conduct.

However, the company said in a statement yesterday that, in common with many other high street stores trading in the consumer durables sector, its sales had not recovered to anticipated levels.

The receiver will look for a buyer for the whole or parts of the 76-branch business, which could help to save the jobs under threat.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.11	1.96
Austria Sch	17.17	15.67
Belgium Fr	50.34	46.04
Canada $	2.249	2.089
Cyprus Cyp£	0.747	0.692
Denmark Kr	9.45	8.65
Finland Mkk	7.58	6.93
France Fr	8.20	7.55
Germany Dm	2.45	2.24
Greece Dr	382	357
Hong Kong $	12.70	11.70
Iceland	113	93
Ireland Pt	1.01	0.93
Israel Shk	5.31	4.66
Italy Lira	2488	2333
Japan Yen	181.60	165.60
Malta	0.595	0.540
Netherlds Gld	2.732	2.502
New Zealand $	2.41	2.19
Norway Kr	10.47	9.67
Portugal Esc	247.50	229.00
S Africa Rd	7.55	6.75
Spain Pta	203.00	190.00
Sweden Kr	10.91	10.11
Switzerland Fr	2.00	1.82
Turkey Lira	132770	124770
USA $	1.656	1.526

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PETER TREVNOR

Lord Cairns, front left, chairman of BAT Industries; Martin Broughton, front right, chief executive; Sandy Leitch, back left; and David Allvey, finance director; yesterday announcing a 12 per cent rise in BAT's half-year profits

Unions cite private deals in public-sector push

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

PRIVATE-SECTOR job deals are to be used for the first time by public-sector trade unions as a model in trying to reach a groundbreaking working arrangement for 1.6 million workers in local government.

Public-sector unions, in their attempts to reach, for the first time, a deal covering both manual and white-collar employees in local government, are citing agreements, such as that at Rover Cars, that offer guarantees on job security in return for flexible working and improved productivity.

Although single-status agreements are common in the private sector, they are rare in public-sector areas, such as local government, hospitals, education and the Civil Service.

Now, however, union negotiators, in a series of concentrated negotiations starting next month, are to press for a common agreement for white-collar and blue-collar workers in local government. The agreement is likely to include a "commitment to security of employment", according to union proposals on the outline of a suggested deal.

Council employers are keen for a single-status deal, but worried about its cost. They are also likely to want to link it to a pay deal due next April, but union leaders want to keep the two elements separate.

Usually, because of job-loss fears, public-sector unions have tried not to use private-sector job developments as models, but local government leaders yesterday cited the success of agreements such as Rover, and said that they could be emulated in the public sector.

Jack Dromey, public services national secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said: "Rover and other similar agreements are models of work we like. We played our part in transforming Rover into a world-beater. Now we want to transform local government."

Union leaders said that the single-status claims were the "most significant negotiations in the history of local government".

Mr Dromey said: "We want to achieve by consensus a settlement in local government that will endure for a generation."

Given the strongly female workforce in local government, union officials emphasised that a single-status council deal would be the first such agreement to apply to so many women workers.

☐ Britain's 40,000 police civilian staff have voted overwhelmingly to accept an offer of a 3.6 per cent pay rise including a single-status deal.

Reed Elsevier eyes Blenheim

By Eric Reguly

REED ELSEVIER, the Anglo-Dutch publishing group, is considering making a bid for Blenheim, the exhibitions organiser.

It is biding its time hoping that Blenheim, led by Neville Buch, chairman, will drop the asking price, believed to be about £500 million.

Reed, through Reed Exhibitions Companies, organises about 300 exhibitions a year globally and wants to consolidate its position as one of the largest players. United News & Media, the newspaper and exhibitions company that merged with MAI, has been negotiating to buy Blenheim for more than a month. But United's exclusive talks agreement has expired and the company would not comment on its intentions.

Reed is expected to provide more details on its interest in Blenheim next Thursday, when Reed announces its interim results.

BAT aims to expand financial services in Asia

By Alasdair Murray

BAT Industries, the tobacco and insurance company, yesterday said that it is looking at expansion opportunities for its financial services division in Spain and Asia.

BAT hopes to bid for new life-insurance licences in China and India, as well as making an acquisition in Spain.

Sandy Leitch, chief executive of British American Financial Services, said that the insurance division was aiming to grow profits at 20 per cent above previously-set targets over the next five years. He said that the company was looking to cut costs by £50 million during the same period but would not be declaring large-scale redundancies.

Mr Leitch made his comments after BAT announced a 12 per cent rise in half-year profits, to £1.33 billion. Underlying profits, stripping out the sales of two subsidiaries, rose by 8 per cent.

Profits in the financial services division grew by 3 per cent, to £554 million, after an 8 per cent improvement, to £329 million, in the general insurance businesses. Profits in the life and investment business fell by 4 per cent, to £225 million, and the loss on the worldwide underwriting business increased to £52 million, from £28 million.

BAT said that there was an encouraging trend in the life and investment businesses, with Allied Dunbar enjoying a 29 per cent rise in new business premiums.

Tobacco profits continued to grow, in spite of legal battles in the United States. Profits rose by 7 per cent, to £798 million, as cigarette volumes increased by 4 per cent. The American-Pacific region enjoyed a 13 per cent rise in profits after price rises in the US, but profits in the Latin American and European divsions declined. BAT repeated its view that it expects to defeat all current tobacco-related lawsuits in the US.

The interim dividend rises by 8 per cent, to 10p, due on January 3. Shares in the company rose 22p, to close at 504p.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BSE scare takes toll of profits at Sims

THE BSE scare crippled trading at Sims, the meat products group, which recorded a loss of £49.3 million in the year to March 31 after making a pre-tax profit of £4.18 million last year. The group sold its loss-making refrigeration and catering divisions during the winter, for a loss of £30.6 million. It had also arranged the disposal of its core retail division, but this was halted by the BSE warning on March 20.

The remaining businesses made an underlying profit of £2.2 million on sales of £240 million. Although the BSE warning came just 11 days before Sims's year end, the group wrote off £11.3 million against goodwill and ran up redundancy costs of £3.2 million on closing three plants as a result. Losses per share were 141.8p (earnings of 5.2p), precluding a final dividend.

Recycling group ahead

WASTE RECYCLING GROUP almost trebled its pre-tax profits from £1.14 million to £3.29 million in the six months to June 30, after a new transfer and recycling plant helped to lift sales from £3.29 million to £6.31 million. The company said that its propects were enhanced by the Government's plans to impose landfill tax, which would prompt waste disposal firms to take a second look at recycling. Earnings were 0.9p ahead at 3.8p per share, allowing for a maiden interim of 0.5p.

BT serves writ on AT&T

BT and AT&T, its new rival in the domestic phone market, are at war over which offers the best prices. BT has served a writ on AT&T, alleging that America's biggest long-distance carrier infringed BT's trademark and "maliciously" made false statements about its service. The writ came after an AT&T brochure claimed that consumers could save up to 40 per cent on BT international call rates by switching to AT&T. BT plans to make a full statement of claim to the High Court next week.

Gas wins concessions

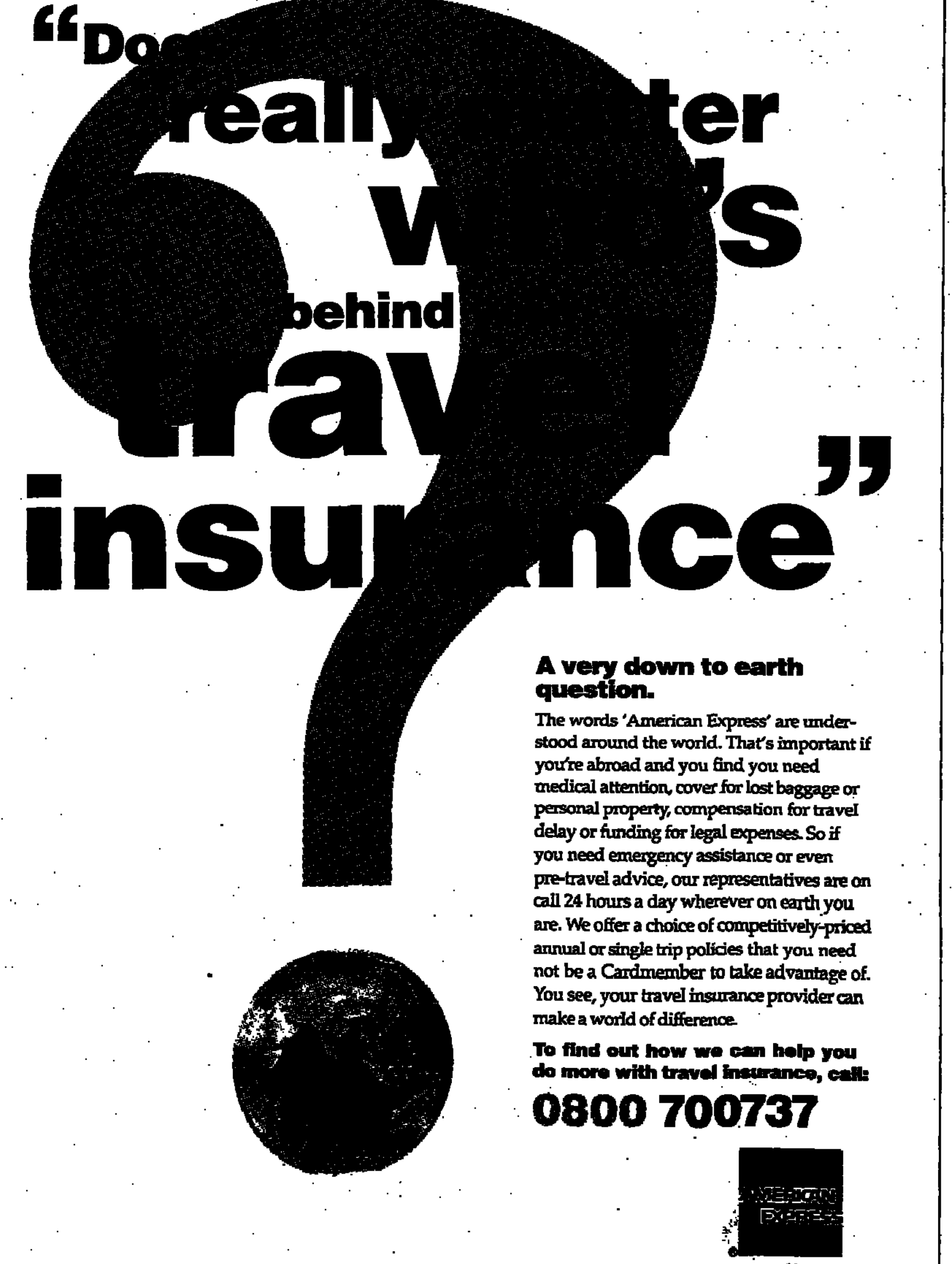
BRITISH GAS will never have to publish tariffs for large industrial users and for medium-sized businesses the requirement is on hold until this time next year. The concessions mean that British Gas does not have to reveal commercially sensitive price information while its competitors do not, allowing them to undercut its rates. Ofgas, the industry regulator, made them yesterday after a review into the state of competition in the market.

Thames Water buyback

THAMES WATER repurchased 10 per cent of its capital, buying 41.36 million shares at 543p per share, in a £224.5 million deal. The share price slipped 5p to 540p after the move reduced demand in the market. David Luffrum, finance director, said the move, agreed by shareholders at the annual meeting, would improve the company's capital structure. The company said the buy-back would leave adequate balance-sheet strength to meet investment plans.

ScottishPower setback

SCOTTISHPOWER has failed in the High Court to win a judicial review of the way generating costs are reflected in the cost of electricity. The action followed the Monopolies and Mergers Commission granting of a dispensation to Scottish Hydro-Electric after that company sought a referral over a decision on generating costs. Yesterday ScottishPower said that it would cut its rights issue to raise £240 million rather than £589 million to back its purchase of Southern Water.



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☐ Problems loom from patent losses ☐ Less-than-stinging rebuke for Davis ☐ Kepit investors offered a way out

Glaxo heads for cold turkey

☐ JUST when everything seems to be going well with the Glaxo Wellcome marriage, here come the first signs that the honeymoon is over. At the world's largest pharmaceuticals concern the numbers are again looking respectable. Earnings and sales are rising, debt is falling and ruthless cost-cutting has restored profit margins. So why are the management reaching for their (spectacularly successful) ulcer pills?

By this time next year, Glaxo will have lost the American patents on those two drugs, Zantac and Zovirax, almost entirely responsible for its success. Zantac, the ulcer treatment launched in 1981, saw peak annual sales of some $4 billion. Loss of patents in a few markets, notably Germany, has since reduced these to $3 billion, but they still account for a quarter of total revenues.

As 1997 approaches, Sir Richard Sykes, Glaxo's chief executive, and other senior managers have been telling everyone who will listen that concerns about the effects of generic competition are overblown. Fear not, they say, because new products will more than take up the slack. Indeed, new products, defined as those drugs introduced since 1990, have so far more than offset Zantac's decline. The question is whether they will continue to do so when Zantac falls off a cliff in America next year.

But a couple of warning signs suggest that Sir Richard and company are more scared than they appear. The first is their refusal to predict the size of the fall in Zantac sales. You can bet that we would hear about it if the expected decline was anything less than the City's most pessimistic guesses.

The second and more telling sign is that Glaxo is not going out of its way to court American investors. In the early 1990s, about 27 per cent of Glaxo's shareholders were American. They have been fleeing in droves as part of the American disenchantment with anything produced by men in lab coats, and now own about 10 per cent.

In normal times, Glaxo would wind up the investor relations machine and schmooze every institution in the land to win them back. The only reason they are not is fear of making potentially misleading comments to America's insanely litigious investment community. Zantac might lose just one third of its market share in the first year — or it might be obliterated. Glaxo is being understandably careful. American institutions have long memories, and a company that derives almost half of its sales in the US cannot afford to lose Wall Street's confidence.

In the end, Glaxo will probably overcome Zantac's decline. SmithKline Beecham proved that the promise of new products can mask many problems. That company is growing strongly even though sales of its own Tagamet compound, Zantac's main competitor, plummeted by 75 per cent after the drug lost its US patent in 1994. Glaxo, however, is much more reliant on Zantac than SmithKline ever was on Tagamet. Glaxo's recovery period is bound to take correspondingly longer.

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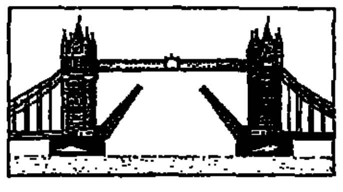

Word to the unwise over Lottery award

☐ THE award of the contract to run the National Lottery is developing into one of those fine Establishment scandals where the facts are buried forever under an avalanche of weasel words and evasion. Readers may remember the evidence to the Public Accounts Committee in the spring from Peter Davis, the Lottery regulator.

Mr Davis had awarded the contract to an American business with a less than spotless reputation, with one of whose executives he had enjoyed a family friendship. The *leitmotiv* from his evidence was "concern". He had thought about it long and hard. He had told others of his concern. Then he gave the job to the Americans. After that he enjoyed trips around the US to various state lotteries in a jet owned by that same business, GTech. His reason for accepting such largesse? To save the British taxpayer money.

Mr Davis is entitled to put the best construction on his behaviour, but one might have expected more from the MPs. Yet the *leitmotiv* from the PAC, in the bowdlerised report that emerged yesterday after an earlier, more trenchant attack on Mr Davis had been toned down, is "unwise". Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, thought it might not have been wise to spend so much time on that corporate jet. MPs agree, and think it unwise to have used the jet to visit his friend's home.

For Joe Punter, queuing for his daily scratchcard fix, the Lottery might as well be run by the Medellin cocaine cartel under the iron-handed regulation of Sooty and Sweep. He only wants to win — just once would be nice. Please. The inquiry into Mr Davis's behaviour is about standards in public life, so it is perhaps no surprise that no one has any intention of resigning, even if in more strait-laced times "serious errors of judgment" (the PAC's words) might be regarded as justifying a dignified departure. But consider if such behaviour were to be adopted by other regulators.

Ian Byatt wined and dined by Yorkshire Water? The ascetic Professor Littlechild flown all over the world by PowerGen? They would never have survived the scandal. Lucky Mr Davis. Perhaps GTech should run another lottery, identifying acts so heinous that he would actually have to go. Line up six and you win. You'd have a better chance of winning on the scratchcards, though.

A tale of two trusts

☐ THIS is the tale of the terrible twins, Kepit and Mepit. About two years ago, although it seems more like two decades now, European privatisation looked like a wonderful new gravy train for all those who had profited from such issues in Britain.

So Kleinwort and Mercury, two of the City's most reputable names, gave birth to the twins. They were rival European investment trusts, hence the nicknames, aimed at those privatisations as they rolled off the slip-ways across Europe. Albanian breweries, Norwegian telecoms, you didn't even need to know what you were buying, but as the privatisation virus swept across Europe you were ensured a part of the action.

It all went horribly wrong. For a start the twins were too greedy, raising between them more than £1 billion of investors' money. This meant little demand from other investors once trading in the trusts started, even if Kleinwort did turn away £250 million worth of excess applications. American interest rates and stock markets turned not long after the launch. Too many of the privatisations were absolute dogs, priced at what they were worth and so not offering investors the immediate returns we had all come to expect from British sell-offs.

Hurt corporate pride spurred Mercury and Kleinwort into action. Mercury launched a limited buyback for Mepit. Kleinwort has since put together a more complicated and more effective scheme for Kepit, involving swapping up to 60 per cent of the equity into loan stock, which Kleinwort will then buy off investors.

But another big institution has its own plans. Henderson Administration wants to buy up Kepit, sell off the assets, and return 99.25 per cent of the proceeds to shareholders. The remaining 0.75 per cent, or £3.5 million, is its fee. In addition, Kepit shareholders can swap some of their shares into one of Henderson's more successful European trusts. The scheme offers a more direct route out for the disenchanted, even if it begs certain questions about how much the assets can be sold for. But investors might want to wait to see what else that hurt pride may tempt out of Kleinwort.

Cowie pays £26.5m for bus company

By Sarah Cunningham

COWIE has catapulted itself into second place among UK bus operators with the purchase of North East Bus for £26.5 million.

The second spot was previously held by Stagecoach.

The acquisition gives Cowie more than 18 per cent of the UK bus market, behind first-placed FirstBus, with 20 per cent of the market, but ahead of Stagecoach, which controls about 17 per cent.

Cowie, which has expanded into buses from the vehicle contract hire business, announced its latest purchase yesterday as it reported record pre-tax profits for the six months ending June 30, up 19 per cent to £32.2 million. Turnover was almost unchanged at £529 million.

An interim dividend of 3.4p, up 11.5 per cent on the same time last year, will be paid on September 5.

Cowie's interim profits were boosted by its bus companies in London, where it is the largest operator, which showed an increase in passenger revenue.

Gordon Hodgson, chief executive, said that the acquisition of British Bus, announced in June and due for completion today, and of North East Bus, would be "immediately earnings enhancing, whilst bringing to the group a better balance of bus and motor-related businesses".

Cowie raised the money to pay for British Bus through a rights issue. North East Bus, which has been bought from West Midlands Travel, part of National Express Group, will be paid for in cash. Cowie will pay £24.5 million plus a £2 million dividend payable on completion.

North East Bus has annualised turnover of about £29 million and runs services in County Durham and on Teesside.

In the nine months ending December 31 last year, it made an operating profit of £3 million. It has 422 buses and nearly 1,200 employees.

National Express said yesterday that the proceeds of the sale would be re-invested in the group.

Cowie shares ticked down 1p, to 373p, while National Express shares also closed down 1p, at 442p.

Salvesen rejects Hays offer

CHRISTIAN SALVESEN yesterday rejected a takeover bid worth more than £1 billion from Hays, the business services group, but said it was willing to consider "a significantly improved financial proposal" (Sarah Cunningham writes).

In a letter to Hays, which it also published through the Stock Exchange, the board of Salvesen, the Edinburgh storage, distribution and specialist hire group, described the tabled offer, understood to be at 370p a share, as "inadequate". Chris Masters, chief executive, said the company would not negotiate any deal with Hays. Hays would only say it was "considering its position."

Hays closed unchanged at 429p. Salvesen lost 4p to 356p.

Dairy Crest shares to float at 155p

SOME 28,000 dairy farmers will receive shares worth an average of £6,000 each when Dairy Crest, the milk and cheese company, is floated this month (Paul Durman writes).

Dairy Crest shares were yesterday priced at 155p, valuing the company at £171.4 million. Some analysts had looked for a share price nearer 180p.

The company, previously part of the now-defunct Milk Marketing Board, is owned by the Residuary Milk Marketing Board on behalf of farmers.

Julian Lakin, a Merrill Lynch analyst, said the pricing had been affected by weak demand for new issues.

Hoare Govett, the broker, yesterday placed 30 per cent of the shares with institutions.

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Bid for Kleinwort trust

By Marianne Curphey

TR EUROPEAN Growth Trust (Treg) has announced a near £500 million bid for Kleinwort European Privatisation Investment Trust (Kepit) seven days before shareholders vote on Kepit's own proposals for a share buyback at an extraordinary meeting (See Pennington, this page).

Treg is offering 93.86p per Kepit share in cash and 28.16p per warrant, although the final offer depends on market price and expenses on the day the bid is completed. Kepit shares rose 2p to 91p yesterday on the news. However, since the launch of the trust in 1994 the shares have traded consistently at a discount to the net asset value (NAV) per share.

At July 29, Kepit's NAV was 102.9p. Treg is offering the equivalent of an NAV of 94.6p and says the lower figure takes into account the cost of winding up the company, legal fees, and termination fees for the original fund managers.

Kepit, meanwhile, is recommending its shareholders take no action. Treg says that its existing shareholders will benefit from an uplift in net asset value. Sir Geoffrey Littler, chairman of Treg, said the offer represented a better option than Kepit's own buyback scheme. He added that it represented "a 5 per cent increase on the July 30 share price and a 10 per cent rise on the warrant price".

B·A·T INDUSTRIES

Dividend up 8%

First half unaudited results
to 30 June 1996

PRE-TAX PROFIT	£1,331m	+12%
EARNINGS PER SHARE	26.0p	+12%
DIVIDEND PER SHARE	10.0p	+8%

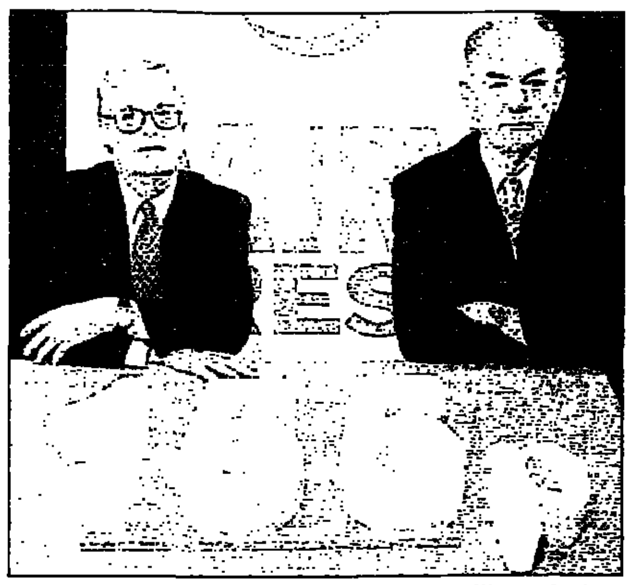
- ● Pre-tax profit rose by 12 per cent to £1,331 million, an underlying 8 per cent, excluding the effect of disposals.
- ● Financial services profit increased by 3 per cent to £554 million, with a reduced profit of £225 million from the life and investment business, and the general business 8 per cent higher at £329 million.
- ● Tobacco trading profit was up by 7 per cent, to £798 million, against last year's outstanding first half, even though there was a significant increase in brand development expenditure in a number of markets.
- ● "B.A.T Industries is continuing to make good progress. The Board is declaring an interim dividend of 10.0p, an 8 per cent increase, as part of our long-term commitment to deliver superior total returns for shareholders."

Lord Cairns, Chairman

The full interim report is being posted to shareholders and copies are available from the Company Secretary, B.A.T Industries p.l.c., Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0NL.

STOCK MARKET **MICHAEL CLARK**

US economic cheer puts shares back above 3,700



To market: Sir Derek Andrews, Residuary Milk Marketing Board chairman, left, and Mike Dowdall of Dairy Crest

POSITIVE news on the US economy cheered investors on both sides of the Atlantic and carried the London stock market back above the 3,700 level.

The latest Chicago Purchasing Managers' Index revealed a weaker trend, easing fears that the US economy was overheating and worries over the need of a rate rise.

London took advantage and there were some encouraging trading statements from a clutch of leading companies. Share prices closed near their best levels of the day. The FT-SE 100 index reflected an early mark-up in the Dow Jones average, finishing 34.7 points up at 3,703.2.

New product launches at **Glaxo Wellcome** have cushioned declining sales of its best-selling, anti-ulcer treatment Zantac, which comes off patent next year. The company was also upbeat about the progress being made on the Aids front with Epivir and Retrovir, its two treatments. It emerged with half-year figures showing pre-tax profits up from £461 million to £1.5 billion after the merger. The shares failed to reflect the company's enthusiasm, finishing 4½p cheaper at 894½p.

The absence of the much-talked of bid from Glaxo Wellcome saw **Chiroscience** touch 352p before bouncing back to finish 3p better at 368p. Almost one million shares changed hands, suggesting someone may still be stalking the company.

The City gave a warm response to half-year figures from **BAT Industries**, up 22p at 504p, showing pre-tax profits up £110 million at £876 million. Once again the main thrust to profits came from the tobacco side, but the group confirmed plans to expand the business and is looking overseas to make acquisitions. Savings on the financial side were expected to reach £50 million during the next five years.

A better than expected performance from **Guardian Royal Exchange** boosted the shares 9p to 243p. Interim pre-tax profits were down from £327 million to £231 million. According to brokers it could have been a lot worse.

Thames Water's share buyback boosted stock market turnover after Cazenove, the company's broker, picked up an estimated 41.4 million shares at 543p each. The shares finished 5p cheaper at 540p. At Tuesday's annual meeting the group obtained permission to buy back up to 10 per cent of the issued share capital. Total stock market turnover reached 784 million.

Northern Ireland Electricity reacted to news of the industry regulator's pricing proposals with a fall of 53p to 353p. The company said the proposals contained in the review are likely to lead to more than £60 million a year in lost revenue. If the company rejects the proposals the matter will go to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The bargain-hunters were out in force at **Reckitt & Colman** as the price shrugged off recent weakness to end 24p dearer at 657p. By the close two million shares had changed hands in a thin market. Brokers say a correction was inevitable after seeing the price drop by around 100p in recent weeks.

Shares of **Dairy Crest**, whose chairman is Mike Dowdall, are to start trading on the stock market next month at 155p, valuing the entire company at £171 million. That is at the lower end of expectations and suggests the dairy products group is the latest casualty of City investors' growing disillusionment with the steady stream of new issues. Rivals **Northern Foods** eased 2p to 187p, while Unigate firmed 2p to 409½p.

Sims Foods fell 4p to 25p after plunging into the red last year with losses approaching £50 million. The company blamed the affects of "mad cow" disease and losses on disposals.

Christian Salvesen, the business services group, slipped 4p to 356p, having briefly touched 344p, after rejecting the bid approach from rival **Hays**, unchanged at 429p.

Stagecoach soared 60½p to 542½p after paying £476 million for the Porterbrook railway rolling stock leasing company, while **Cowie** was 1p easier at 373p after paying National Express £24.5 million for North East Bus. It makes Cowie Britain's second biggest bus operator.

A profits warning left **Marshalls**, the building supplier, 6p lower at 138p. Shareholders were told at the annual meeting that operating profits were down 13 per cent in the first quarter on the corresponding period last year. Andrew Marshall, chairman, said the commerical, industrial and housing markets had not shown any improvement.

Pilkington fell 8p to 182p after some cautious comments at the annual meeting.

Card Clear, the credit card payment and fraud prevention specialist, firmed 2p to 34p. The group, where Nigel Whittaker, former Kingfisher director, is on the board, has entered into a joint venture with Masterchange, foreign exchange operator.

Shares of **Colorvision** were suspended at 21p prior to the group's bankers appointing administrative receivers. The company said the move was made because of expected trading levels and the worsening cash flow situation.

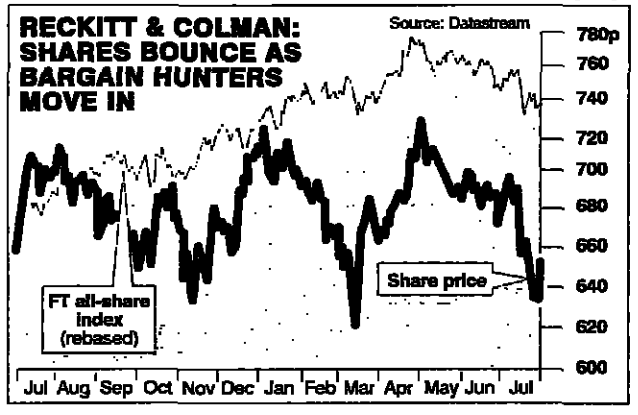
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The ill-effects of sterling's weakness on the foreign exchange was offset by firmer US treasury bonds and German bunds.

In thin trading, prices across the spectrum managed to claw back earlier falls in thin trading to finish with gains of a couple of ticks.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt ended a tick firmer at £106³¹⁄₃₂. At the ultra-long end of the market, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 also hardened a tick to £97²⁷⁄₃₂, while in shorts Treasury 7¼ per cent 1998 was £¹⁄₃₂ easier at £101¹⁷⁄₃₂.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares on Wall Street followed bonds higher, putting the Dow Jones industrial average 42.54 points higher at 5,524.47 by midday.

Kingfisher rose 6p to 623p helped by a bullish review from SBC Warburg, the broker, which appears impressed by future strategy. Warburg expects Kingfisher to achieve significant growth and increase market share across the retail sector. Above-average growth should be seen up to the turn of the century.



RECKITT & COLMAN: SHARES BOUNCE AS BARGAIN HUNTERS MOVE IN

Source: Datastream

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	5524.47 (+42.54)
S&P Composite	639.34 (+4.08)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	20692.83 (-187.50)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	10681.42 (+95.56)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	535.73 (+9.23)

Sydney:

AO	2180.30 (+49.50)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2473.35 (+15.87)

Singapore:

Straits	2111.76 (+28.61)

Brussels:

General	9311.04 (+68.06)

Paris:

CAC-40	1995.99 (+27.40)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	736.30 (-3.10)

London:

FT 30	2718.8 (+24.3)
FT 100	3703.2 (+34.7)
FT-SE Mid 250	4230.6 (+11.5)
FT-SE-A 350	1856.1 (+14.7)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1598.93 (+6.00)
FT A All-Share	1835.44 (+13.33)
FT Non Financials	1942.2 (+12.44)
FT Fixed Interest	112.82 (Same)
FT Govt Secs	92.77 (+0.03)
Bargains	28446
SEAQ Volume	784.8m
USM (Datastrm)	201.76 (+0.23)
US$	1.5553 (-0.0007)
German Mark	2.2910 (-0.0078)
Exchange Index	84.6 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2044
£:SDR	1.0648
RPI	153.0 Jun (2.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	152.6 Jun (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AND International	77	...
Alizyme	45	...
Allied Carpets	229	- 1
Alumax	1959¾	+ 31¼
Arkins WS	230	- 2
BATM Advd Cms	128	...
British Energy (100)	99¾	+ ½
Digital Anmtns	85	...
Drings of Bath	4	...
Electronic Retlg	148	...
Fayrewood	48	...
HIT Entertain (163)	189	...
Hat Pin	60	...
Hoare Govett 1000 C	97	...
Life Numbers	15	...
Life Numbers Wts	6	...
Lotteryking Wts	1½	...
NECA	18	...
Network Tech	140	+ 17
Pace Micro (172)	175	+ 1
Plasmon	172	...
Pordum Foods Wts	1¼	...
Quintain Ests & Dev	114	...
Robert Walters	114	...
Selector	68	...
Therap Antibodes	477	- 8
UNO	165	- 9
West 175 Enter	120	...
Xavier Computer	11	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Insprtns Pf n/p (100)	1½	...
Lorien n/p (250)	10	...
Old English n/p (100)	16	...
Sema Gp n/p (595)	124	+ 1
Syndcte Cap n/p (110)	2	...
Tinsley Rbr n/p (130)	1¼	...
Tullow Oil n/p (80)	8	- 1

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Blenheim Gp	425p (+33p)
Obborne & Little	790p (+50p)
BAT	504p (+22p)
Carlton Comm	459p (+11p)
Airtours	513p (+12p)

FALLS:

Treatt	205p (-25p)
Alumasc	380p (-10p)
Premier Farnell	626p (-19p)

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TEMPUS

On the rails

GROWLING and grumbling from the Labour Party clearly did an enormous favour to the capitalists who invested in Porterbrook. In the teeth of opposition anger in November last year, the Department of Transport received only £527 million for the rolling stock company that yesterday was sold to Stagecoach for an enterprise value of £825 million.

Investor sentiment has clearly changed about the nascent private rail industry and, as usual, Stagecoach is making a grab for the shiniest apples. The bus company has been bidding for most of the private rail franchises going, but so far has secured only one — South West Trains, a strong indication that it has been underbidding. In truth, Stagecoach may have lost some of its keen interest in the hot market for rail franchises. The money to be made from leasing rather than operating trains, explains why. Stagecoach is buying Porterbrook for less than ten times its pre-interest profits of £86 million. That in itself looks modest for a business that enjoys a government guarantee on 80 per cent of its revenue. The gilt-edged cashflow of about £140 million per annum will be securitised allowing Stagecoach to substantially reduce interest costs. At the same time, the renewal of train maintenance contracts offers the opportunity to squeeze competing workshops.

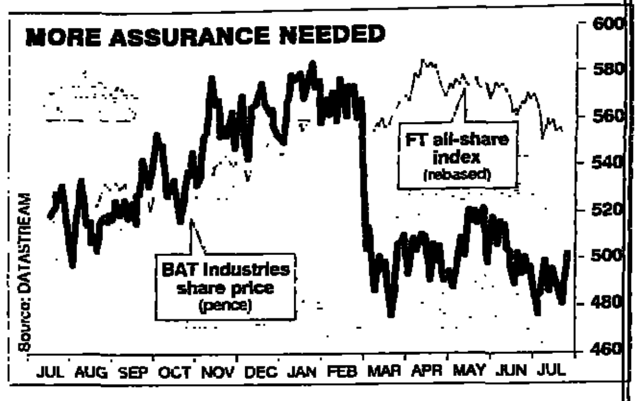
The only worry for Stagecoach is that the OFT objects to a rolling stock company being owned by a train operator. Objections will be raised to vertical integration, but if Stagecoach wants to increase Porterbrook's business it would have little interest in doing sweetheart deals with South West Trains.

BAT Industries

BAT is fond of reminding investors that it has never paid a penny in compensation to sufferers of smoking-related illnesses. Yet its share price performance bears an uncanny resemblance to that of T&N, which has paid millions of pounds to asbestosis sufferers.

BAT still faces scores of would-be litigants ranging from former smokers to state governments attempting to recoup medical costs. The recent scare prompted by news that Liggett, a small American rival, had apparently settled a tobacco-related case has now receded and the separate Castano action also fell at its latest judicial hurdle. Yet, BAT shares behave as though an American jury was on the verge of awarding punitive damages.

The legal battles have done little to detract from the company's strong financial performance. The tobacco industry is still growing in Eastern Europe and the developing world. Profits at BAT's financial services arm are recovering and should benefit from lower costs after the reorganisation. But for all BAT's huffing and puffing, the share price will remain volatile as long as the American legal profession regards anti-tobacco litigation as a potential money machine. Yet, with a forward price earnings ratio of less than ten times and a dividend yield of more than 6.5 per cent, BAT provides a good income. Hopes of a financial services acquisition could set the shares moving.



MORE ASSURANCE NEEDED

Source: DATASTREAM

Dairy Crest

DAIRY CREST looks cheap. Directors of the milk and cheese company are hiding any disappointment they may feel at the modest £171.4 million valuation recommended by its advisers.

At 155p, Dairy Crest's shares are being offered at just over seven times forecasts of current-year earnings. Milk rivals Unigate and Northern Foods, admittedly more broadly based companies, trade on multiples of 10.4 and 12 times.

Before reaching for your cheque book, it is worth remembering that Dairy Crest's growth prospects are limited. Milk sales are falling and the cheese market is not growing. Dairy Crest intends to build up its branded business, which includes mature cheddar, but this may difficult. The company has already cut its cost base.

There is also the continuing row over Milk Marque's pricing of raw milk, and the possibility of a trickle of share sales from the 28,000 farmers who will end up owning nearly 70 per cent of the company.

The Residuary Milk Marketing Board opted for a flotation despite interest from purchasers who may still be in the wings. With strong cash flow, no debt, a prospective yield of 7.5 per cent and some speculative interest, Dairy Crest offers investors ample downside protection.

GRE

GUARDIAN Royal Exchange attempts to make a virtue out of shrinking its business. Writing new business for profit, not for volume, is the intention and who would quibble? Hence the company's decision to pull out of a deal to write insurance for Nationwide Building Society.

Unfortunately, GRE's self-imposed diet has not been accompanied by generosity towards its shareholders. A decision to stop feeding unprofitable business lines should release capital which might be used in share buybacks. Instead, GRE has been writing cheques to pay for acquisitions: expanding in commercial property with the £48 million purchase of Legal & General's business and the takeover of RAC Insurance Services.

GRE is cutting its staff costs having taken a restructuring provision last year, but shrinking the business ought to accelerate the process. But rivals such as the merged Royal & Sun Alliance have bigger scope for savings. That leaves the hope of a takeover. Murmurings from BAT yesterday about insurance acquisitions put Eagle Star in the frame as a potential suitor. However spurious, bid speculation is all that supports the GRE share price. It offers a yield premium well below that of better composite insurers.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Jul	n/a	Sep	1032 BID
Sep	968-967	Dec	1058-1050
Dec	982-981	Mar	1062 BID
Mar	997-996	May	1078-1075
May	1010 BID		
Jul	1020 BID		Volume: 7954

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	n/a	Mar	1425-1424
Sep	1539-1538	May	1405-1395
Nov	1505-1502	Jul	1400-1390
Jan	1465-1464		Volume: 3160

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	336.2-34.7
Spot n/a		Aug	334.2-32.0
Oct	348.5-47.6	Oct	324.2-22.6
Dec	344.1-43.0	Dec	325.4-22.6
Mar	340.0-39.0		Volume: 1950

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 30

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	105.88	68.67	94.75
(+/-)	+0.51	+1.54	-4.34
Eng/Wales:	105.27	107.82	93.61
(+/-)	+0.64	+10.65	-4.38
(%)	+14.0	-18.0	+12.0
Scotland:	113.06	104.55	98.24
(+/-)	+2.94	+11.82	-3.87
(%)	-37.0	-33.0	n/c

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.10	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Sep)	19.00	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Oct)	18.70	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	20.50	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	20.00	+0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	200 (n/c)	202 (-2)
Gasoil EEC	177 (n/c)	179 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	88 (-1)	90 (-1)
Naphtha	188 (-2)	192 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Aug	177.00-77.25	Nov	172.25-72.50
Sep	174.75-75.00	Dec	171.25-71.50
Oct	173.50-73.75		Vol: 13998

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	18.99-19.01	Dec	18.13 SLR
Oct	18.66-18.67	Jan	17.96 SLR
Nov	18.38-18.40		Vol: 27051

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	110.45	Sep	101.90
Nov	112.30	Nov	104.30
Jan	114.30	Jan	106.25
Mar	116.25	Mar	108.25
May	118.25	May	110.00
Volume: 260		Volume: 154	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	85.0
Mar		110.0
Apr	114.5	113.0
		Volume: 44

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)

Aug 90.75-91.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 96	1066	1060	1065
Sep 96	1121	1115	1120
Oct 96	1220	1205	1220
Jan 97	1235	1226	1235
Vol: 264 lots		Open interest: 4845	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mths	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2037.0-2039.0	1948.0-1950.0	1419625
Lead ($/tonne)	806.50-807.00	809.00-810.00	160150
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1022.0-1022.5	1048.5-1049.0	577050
Tin ($/tonne)	6075.0-6080.0	6138.0-6142.0	44370
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1495.5-1496.0	1530.0-1530.5	1455200
Nickel ($/tonne)	6810.0-6820.0	6920.0-6930.0	49950

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Dom	420	31	46	50	5½	13	18½
(*448)	460	16	23½	29	20½	32½	39
ASDA	110	8	10½	12½	3	5½	7
(*115)	120	3	6	8	8½	11	12
Boots	550	56	63	73	2½	5½	12
(*597)	600	20	31	42	17½	27	31
Br Airways	500	38	47	58	7	15	19½
(*524)	550	12½	22½	33	30½	38½	43½
BP	550	39½	48½	55	5	13½	19½
(*582)	600	12	22	29½	27½	38	43½
Br Steel	160	21	23½	26	1½	4	5½
(*178)	180	8	11	14½	6	12½	14
C & W	390	29½	38½	45½	8½	14½	18
(*406)	420	13½	23	30	22	29	32½
CU	550	46	57	63	7	14	20½
(*592)	600	14½	29½	36	30	36½	52
ICI	700	53	68	78	9½	17	28½
(*748½)	750	20	38½	49½	30½	38	52
Land Sec	650	21	31½	40½	12	20½	23½
(*662)	700	4	13½	18½	48	52	54½
M & S	460	31	40½	49	5½	10½	13½
(*483)	500	10	18½	27	23½	29	32
Nat West	600	35	51½	58½	13½	22	36
(*624½)	650	12	28	35	42½	49	63½
Safeway plc	300	34½	40½	45½	3	7½	10½
(*328½)	330	14½	22	28	13	19½	22½
Sainsbury	360	25	31½	38	4½	11	13
(*376)	390	8½	14½	22½	18½	25½	27½
Shell	900	39	59½	63	16	23½	33
(*922½)	950	13½	26	36½	44½	59½	59½
Smkl Bch	638	52½	—	—	7½	—	—
(*681)	687	23	—	—	26½	—	—
Stonehse	280	22	—	—	3½	—	—
(*295)	300	10	—	—	11½	—	—
Trafalgar	50	1	—	—	0½	—	—
(*50)	60	0	—	—	10	—	—
Zeneca	1350	77	109	127½	33	52	71
(*1389)	1400	50	82	100	57	76	92½
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Jan**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Jan**
BAT Ind	500	10	22½	31½	15½	25½	30
(*502½)	550	0	8	13	59	61½	64
Vodafone	220	12½	21½	23½	2½	8½	10½
(*229½)	240	2½	11	14	12½	18½	21
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Grnd Met	420	19½	32	39½	3	10	18½
(*434½)	460	1½	12½	20½	26	31	40
Ladbroke	180	10	16½	21½	2	8½	12
(*187½)	200	1½	8	13	13½	19½	23
Utd Bisc	200	13	19½	23½	0½	6½	9
(*211½)	220	2	9	14	9½	16½	19½

July 31, 1996 Tot: 25110 Call:15290 Put: 9820 FT-SE Call: 4719 Put: 2647
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	420	46	51½	56	2½	7	9½
(*459)	460	18½	25½	32½	14½	21½	24½
Thames W	500	50	57½	64	4	11½	15½
(*541)	550	18	27	36	19½	33	37½
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
BTR	240	6	13½	18½	2½	11	12
(*241½)	260	1	5½	10	19½	24	24½
Br Aero	900	37½	61	92	5½	24	33
(*928½)	950	10	35½	55	28	49	57
Br Telcm	360	6½	13½	20½	13½	18½	20½
(*362½)	390	0	4½	10½	30	41	47
Cadbury	500	15	29	41	0	18½	24
(*507½)	550	0½	10	19	42½	50½	54
Guinness	460	10	20½	31½	7	18	21½
(*461½)	500	0½	6	15	38½	44	46½
GEC	360	22½	32½	38	1½	6½	11
(*380)	390	3½	14½	21	12½	19	24
Hanson	160	3½	8	11	3	8½	13½
(*160)	180	0	3	4½	20	23½	26
LASMO	160	19½	23½	27½	0	2½	3
(*179)	180	3½	11½	15	4½	9	10½
Lucas	200	17½	23½	29	1	6½	7½
(*215½)	220	5	13½	18	8½	14	16½
Pilkingtn	172	12½	—	—	0½	—	—
(*183)	191	2	—	—	9	—	—
Prudential	420	17	26	37	3½	12½	19
(*432)	460	1½	10	19	28½	30½	41½
Redland	390	26	38	44	1½	10	14
(*415½)	420	7½	20	27½	11	23½	29
R-Royce	200	19	24½	29	0½	5	7
(*216)	220	5	12½	18	6	13	15½
Tesco	280	15½	21½	29½	2	7½	11½
(*292½)	300	4	11½	19	10½	17½	21½
Williams	330	7	14	—	5	14	—
(*331½)	360	0	3½	—	28½	35	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3701½)

	3600	3650	3700	3750	3800	3850
Calls						
Aug	111	73	40½	18	6	1½
Sep	141½	107	76	52½	33½	19
Oct	161	128	97½	71	51½	36½
Nov	180	149½	118½	94	69½	52
Dec	210	—	139½	—	94	—
Puts						
Aug	13	24	43	71½	109½	155
Sep	36½	51½	71	97½	129	165½
Oct	51½	69	88	114½	142½	178
Nov	64½	83	102	127½	152	184½
Dec	80½	—	119	—	172	—

Series		Calls Sep	Dec	Apr	Puts Sep	Dec	Apr
Abby Nat	550	29	41½	53	11	19½	34
(*571½)	600	7	19½	29	41½	47½	61½
Amstrad	140	13	20½	—	5	9½	—
(*146)	160	4½	12	—	16½	20½	—
Barclays	800	25½	40½	61½	19½	30	45½
(*814½)	850	7	24	38	52	59	74
Blue Circ	360	14½	23½	28	11	17	18½
(*364)	390	3	11	15	31	35	36½
Br Gas	180	16	20	23	3	6	9
(*193)	200	5	8	13½	12	16½	19½
Dixons	460	41	55	63	3½	9	14½
(*494)	500	19½	31½	40	17½	25½	31
Forte	343	28½	—	—	0	—	—
(*369½)	373	8	—	—	4½	—	—
Tarmac	100	5½	8½	11	4	8	9
(*101)	110	2	4½	7	10½	14	15
Hillsdwn	160	13	16½	18½	1½	5	6
(*170½)	180	2½	6	8½	11	15	16½
Lonrho	160	8	13	16	3½	6	8½
(*163½)	180	1	5	7½	17	18	20
Sears	90	8	10	—	1	2½	—
(*96½)	100	2½	4½	—	5	7	—
Thorn	1700	69½	102½	—	34	56½	—
(*1751½)	1800	24	56	—	94	110½	—
Tomkins	240	13½	17	21½	6½	9	12½
(*251)	260	3½	8½	12½	19½	21	24
Lloyds TSB	330	18½	29½	34½	5	11	19½
(*346)	360	4	15	20	21½	27	36
Series		**Oct**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Apr**
Glaxo W	850	53½	74	90	19	30	43½
(*892½)	900	26½	47½	63½	42½	53½	67½
HSBC	1050	49½	75	94½	35½	48	67
(*1060)	1100	26½	51	70½	63½	75½	94½
Reuter	650	45	61	72	16	24	35
(*673½)	700	20½	36½	46½	41	49½	60
Series		**Oct**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Apr**
Royal & Sun	360	21½	31½	35	11	17½	24½
(*378½)	390	9	18½	22	26½	33	40
Series		**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**
Kingfshr	600	39	57½	65½	12	23½	32
(*623½)	650	14	32½	40	37½	49	57½
Series		**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Unilever	1200	57½	67	88½	10½	20½	26
(*1231½)	1250	27	38½	59	31½	45	47½
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**
Natl Pwr	360	39½	47½	55½	1½	8	12½
(*395½)	400	11½	22½	33	14	24	28½
Scot Pwr	300	19½	22	27	7	14	19½
(*315)	330	3½	9	14	27½	31½	36

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 61525	Sep 96	3681.0	3712.0	3671.0	3706.0	11154
	Dec 96	3700.0	3700.0	3700.0	3725.0	100
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3491	Sep 96				4230.0	0
	Dec 96					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 418174	Sep 96	94.25	94.25	94.22	94.23	15092
	Dec 96	94.15	94.16	94.12	94.13	11268
	Mar 97	93.90	93.90	93.87	93.89	5692
Three Mth Euro Yen	Dec 96	98.88	98.89	98.88	98.89	1125
	Mar 97	98.61	98.61	98.61	98.61	199
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1015285	Sep 96	96.65	96.68	96.65	96.67	23723
	Dec 96	96.58	96.62	96.56	96.61	33698
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 141931	Sep 96	107-00	107-02	106-23	106-31	32531
	Dec 96				106-05	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 96	119.07	119.29	119.04	119.29	3744
	Dec 96	117.90	118.10	117.87	118.12	1130
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 239117	Sep 96	96.94	97.13	96.90	97.05	120040
	Dec 96	96.19	96.19	96.06	96.15	1469
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 26186	Sep 96	95.55	95.57	95.55	95.57	578
	Dec 96	95.53	95.55	95.53	95.54	475
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 64581	Sep 96	97.44	97.53	97.43	97.52	12996
	Dec 96	97.35	97.42	97.33	97.41	10387
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 68098	Sep 96	115.24	115.91	115.05	115.84	40790
	Dec 96	114.80	114.80	114.80	115.15	105

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7¼ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝ ; 3 mth 5⅝ . Sell: 2 mth 5½ ; 3 mth: 5½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	5⅝-5⁹⁄₁₆	5⅝-5⁹⁄₁₆	5⅝-5⁹⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	5²⁵⁄₃₂-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5²⁵⁄₃₂-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5²⁵⁄₃₂-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆
Interbank:	5⅞-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¾	6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆

Overnight: open 5¾, close 7¼ .

Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	5¾	5¾	5¹⁵⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs:	5⅝-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅝-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅝-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5²⁵⁄₃₂-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞
Dollar CDs:	5.37	n/a	5.59	5.76	6.11
Building Society CDs:	5⅝-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5²⁵⁄₃₂-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5²⁵⁄₃₂-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5²⁵⁄₃₂-5¹¹⁄₁₆	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5¼-4¾	5⅜-5¼	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5¾-5⅝	5-4
Deutschemark:	3⁵⁄₁₆-3³⁄₁₆	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3¼-2¾
French Franc:	3⅝-3½	3¹¹⁄₁₆-3½	3¹¹⁄₁₆-3⁹⁄₁₆	3¹¹⁄₁₆-3⁹⁄₁₆	4-3
Swiss Franc:	2¼-2⅛	2⁵⁄₁₆-2³⁄₁₆	2⅜-2¼	2⁷⁄₁₆-2⁵⁄₁₆	3-2
Yen:	⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	½-⅜	½-⅜	⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $385.00-385.30 **Close:** $385.00-385.50 **High:** $385.80-386.30
Low: $384.90-385.40 **AM:** $385.50 **PM:** $385.30

Krugerrand: $384.00-387.00 (£247.25-249.25)

Platinum: $399.75 (£256.75) **Silver:** $5.10 (£3.295) **Palladium:** $130.00 (£83.50)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 31	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5689-2.5752	2.5726-2.5752	¼-⅛pr	1⅛-1¼pr
Brussels	47.170-47.336	47.258-47.336	13-8pr	32-26pr
Copenhagen	8.8440-8.8682	8.8586-8.8682	1⅛-1¼pr	4¼-3½pr
Dublin	0.9594-0.9637	0.9609-0.9627	4-1pr	7-2pr
Frankfurt	2.2883-2.2948	2.2918-2.2948	¼-⅛pr	1⅛-1¼pr
Lisbon	235.83-236.60	236.17-236.47	¼-⅛ds	¼-1ds
Madrid	195.35-195.85	195.59-195.85	27-37ds	82-99ds
Milan	2365.1-2372.7	2366.5-2369.9	6-7ds	18-20ds
Montreal	2.1388-2.1454	2.1398-2.1412	0.26-0.21pr	0.45-0.37pr
New York	1.5560-1.5600	1.5566-1.5576	0.052-0.032pr	0.057-0.027pr
Oslo	9.8930-9.9208	9.9113-9.9208	1⅛-¼pr	2⅛-1½pr
Paris	7.7690-7.7910	7.7786-7.7852	1⅛-1¼pr	4-3¼pr
Stockholm	10.262-10.298	10.280-10.298	⅛-¼ds	⅛-⅛ds
Tokyo	165.79-166.97	166.09-166.27	¾-⅝pr	2¾-2⅛pr
Vienna	16.098-16.148	16.125-16.148	¾-⅜pr	1-⅜pr
Zurich	1.8404-1.8649	1.8626-1.8649	¼-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.9121-1.2929
Austria	10.35-10.36
Belgium (Com)	30.35-30.36
Canada	1.3734-1.3739
Denmark	5.6926-5.6946
France	4.9957-4.9977
Germany	1.4710-1.4720
Hong Kong	7.7330-7.7333
Ireland	1.6189-1.6199
Italy	1519.10-1520.60
Japan	106.70-106.80
Malaysia	2.4950-2.4960
Netherlands	1.6518-1.6525
Norway	6.3621-6.3641
Portugal	151.63-151.68
Singapore	1.4128-1.4133
Spain	125.60-125.70
Sweden	6.6011-6.6086
Switzerland	1.1915-1.1920

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5575-1.5601
Australia dollar	2.0131-2.0156
Bahrain dinar	0.5820-0.5940
Brazil real*	1.5704-1.5740
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7070-0.7170
Finland markka	6.9575-7.0735
Greece drachma	362.75-369.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.0361-12.0454
India rupee	55.10-56.00
Indonesia rupiah	3636.00-3704.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4610-0.4710
Malaysia ringgit	3.8860-3.8900
New Zealand dollar	2.2576-2.2613
Pakistan rupee	54.81 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6150-5.7000
Singapore dollar	2.2004-2.2019
S Africa rand (com)	6.9000-7.0110
U A E dirham	5.6675-5.7915

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,800	Marks Spr	9,500
ASDA Gp	8,000	NatWst Bk	3,500
Abbey Ntl	2,700	Nat Grid	8,100
Allied Dom	2,200	Nat Power	3,500
Argos	481	Next	2,200
AB Foods	806	Orange	2,400
BAA	3,900	P & O	4,800
BAT Inds	7,000	Pearson	1,400
BOC	616	Pilkington	8,200
BP	6,500	PowerGen	878
BSkyB	2,000	Prudential	5,500
BTR	8,400	RMC	126
BT	5,900	RTZ	968
Bk of Scot	4,100	Rank Org	1,100
Barclays	2,600	Reckitt Col	2,000
Bass	2,500	Redland	1,000
Blue Circle	2,000	Reed Intl	1,800
Boots	814	Rentokil	3,000
BAe	1,200	Reuters	8,300
BA	3,900	Rolls Royce	2,700
Brit Gas	5,900	Royal & Sun	5,800
Brit Steel	5,000	Royal Bk Scot	4,900
Burmah Cstl	730	Safeway	2,600
Burton	6,600	Sainsbury	1,600
Cable Wire	3,900	Schroders	116
Cadbury	1,000	Scot & New	613
Carlton Cms	1,200	Scot Power	1,300
Cm Union	3,500	Svrn Trent	1,700
Cookson	1,400	Shell Trans	2,600
Courtaulds	1,300	Siebe	2,400
Dixons	3,100	SmKl Bch	3,900
Enterpr Oil	1,300	Smith Nph	1,500
GKN	1,600	Smiths Inds	1,000
GRE	3,800	Sthern Elec	124
GUS	2,300	Std Chartd	2,600
Gen Acc	657	TI Gp	549
Gen Elec	8,800	Tate & Lyle	842
Glaxo Well	15,900	Tesco	6,600
Granada	2,000	Thames W	84,900
Grand Met	5,800	Thrn EMI	1,600
Guinness	3,200	Tomkins	2,700
HSBC	2,300	Unilever	1,400
Hanson	9,200	Utd Utilities	1,000
ICI	4,700	Utd News	2,000
Kingfisher	3,000	Vodafone	4,000
LASMO	2,800	Whitbread	2,000
Ladbroke	1,800	Wlms Hld	1,100
Land Secs	2,000	Wolseley	1,300
Legal & Gn	539	Zeneca	724
Lloyds TSB	8,400		

WALL STREET

	Jul 31 midday	Jul 30 close
AMP Inc	38¼	37½
AMR Corp	77½	76½
ASA	39½	38½
AT & T	52½	50¾
Abbott Labs	44½	44½
Advanced Micro	12½	12
Aetna Life	62½	62½
Ahmanson (HF)	25½	25½
Air Prod & Chem	52½	52½
AirTouch Comm	27½	26½
Alberto-Culver B	43½	42½
Albertson's	41½	41½
Alcan Alumnm	29½	29½
Alco Standard	45½	44½
Allied Signal	59½	58½
Alum Co of Am	57½	58
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5½
Amerada Hess	48½	49
Amer Brands	45½	45
Amer El Power	41½	42
Amer Express	44½	43½
Amer Genl Corp	35	35
Amer Home Pr	55½	55
Amer Intl	93½	93½
Amer Stores	36½	36½
Amer Standard	32	31½
Ameritech	55½	54½
Amoco	66½	66
Anheuser-Busch	74½	74½
Apple Computer	21½	21½
Archer Daniels	17½	17½
Armco	4½	4½
Armstrng Wrld	55½	54½
Asarco	24½	24½
Atl Richfield	115½	114½
Auto Data Pro	39½	38½
Avery Dennison	51½	51½
Avon Products	44	43½
Baker Hughes	29½	29½
Baltim Gas & El	25½	26½
Banc One	34½	34½
BankAmerica	79½	79½
Bank of NY	51½	50½
Bankers Tr NY	72½	72
Barnett Banks	61½	61½
Bausch & Lomb	35½	35½
Baxter Intl	41½	42
Becton Dicknsn	74½	75
Bell Atlantic	59½	58½
Bell Industries	16½	16½
BellSouth	40½	40½
Black & Decker	37	37
Block (H&R)	25½	25
Boeing	88½	87½
Boise Cascade	32½	32½
Bristol Myrs Sq	87½	86½
Browning Ferris	22½	21½
Brunswick	18½	19½
Burlington Nthn	79½	80½
CMS Energy Corp	30½	30½
CNA Financial	99½	99½
CPC Intl	66½	65½
CSX	48½	46½
Campbell Soup	67½	66½
Con Pacific	21½	21½
Carolina Pwr	36	36
Caterpillar	65½	64½
Central & SW	27½	27
Champion Intl	42½	42½
Chase Manhat	69½	68½
Chevron Corp	57½	57½
Chrysler	26½	27½
Chubb Corp	42½	42½
Cigna Corp	107½	106½
Citicorp	81½	81½
Clorox	90½	89½
Coastal Corp	37½	38½
Coca Cola	47½	46½
Colgate-Palmolive	78½	79
Columbia Gas	52½	54½
ColumbiaHCA	51½	51½
Compaq Comp	54½	54½
Comp Ass Intl	49½	48½
Conagra	43½	43½
Conrail	65½	66½
Cons Edison	27½	27½
Cons Nat Gas	50½	49½
Cooper Inds	39	39½
Constates	39½	39½
Corning Inc	35½	35½
Crown Cork	44½	44½
Dana Corp	28½	27½
Dayton Hudson	30½	30½
Deere	35½	35½
Delta Air Lines	68½	68
Deluxe Corp	36½	37
Digital Equip	35½	36½
Dillard Dept St	31½	31½
Disney (Walt)	55½	55½
Dominion Res	37½	37½
Donelley (RR)	31½	31½
Dover Corp	43½	43½
Dow Chemical	74½	75
Dow Jones	38½	38½
Dresser	26½	26½
Duke Power	48	47½
Dun & Bradstreet	57½	58
Du Pont	80½	80
Eastman Chem	52½	52½
Eastman Kodak	74½	73½

	Jul 31 midday	Jul 30 close
Eaton Corp	55½	55
Edison Intl	15½	15½
Emerson Elec	83½	82½
Engelhard Corp	20½	20½
Enron Corp	39½	39½
Entergy	25½	25½
Ethyl Corp	9½	9
Exxon	81½	82
FMC Corp	63½	64
FPL Group	45½	45½
Federal Express	77½	76½
Fed Nat Mtge	32	32½
First Bk Sys	61½	61½
First Union Rlty	6½	6½
Fleet Finl Grp	40½	40½
Fluor Corp	60½	60
Ford Motor	32½	32½
GTE Corp	41	40½
Gannett	65½	65½
Gap Inc Del	27½	29½
Gen Dynamics	61½	62½
Gen Electric	81½	80½
Gen Mills	54½	53½
Gen Motors	49½	48½
Gen Reinsurance	139½	140½
Gen Signal	38½	39½
Genuine Parts	42½	42½
Georgia Pac	74½	74½
Gillette	63½	63
Glaxo Wellc ADR	27½	28½
Goodrich (BF)	36	36½
Goodyear Tire	44½	43½
Grace (W&R)	63½	62½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	27½	27½
Great West Fin	23½	24½
Halliburton	52½	52½
Harcourt General	48½	47½
Heinz (HJ)	32½	32½
Hercules	49½	49½
Hershey Foods	80½	79½
Hewlett Packard	44	43½
Hilton Hotels	102	101½
Home Depot	50½	51½
Homestake Mng	15½	15½
Honeywell	52½	52½
Household Intl	74½	73½
Houston Inds	22½	22½
Humana	17	16½
ITT Corp	57	56½
Illinois Tool	64½	63½
Illinova	25½	26
INCO	31	31½
Ingersoll Rand	42½	42½
Inland Steel	17½	17
Intel Corp	75	74½
IBM	107½	107½
Intl Flav & Fr	43½	42½
Intl Paper	36½	37½
James River Va	25½	25½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	48½	48½
Kellogg	73½	72½
Kerr-McGee	57½	57½
Kimberly-Clark	76½	76½
Kmart	10½	10½
Knight-Ridder	65½	65½
Lilly (Eli)	55½	54½
Limited Inc	19½	19½
Lincoln Nat	42½	42½
Litton	42½	42½
Liz Claiborne	32½	33½
Lockheed Martin	83½	82½
Louisiana Pac	20½	21½
MCI Comm	25	23½
Marriott Intl	51½	51½
Marsh & McLnn	98½	98½
Masco Corp	27½	27½
May Dept St	44½	44½
Maytag Corp	19½	19½
McDonalds	46½	46½
McDonnell D	44½	44½
McGraw Hill	39½	39½
Mead Corp	54½	53½
Medtronic	47½	47½
Mellon Bk	53½	53½
Melville Corp	38½	38½
Merck Inc	63½	64½
Merrill Lynch	60½	58½
Microsoft	119	118½
Minnesota Mine	65½	65
Mobil Corp	110½	108½
Monsanto	31½	31½
Morgan (JP)	85½	85½
Motorola Inc	54½	54½
Natl Semi	14	14½
Natl Service Ind	38½	38½
Navistar Intl	9½	9½
NY Times A	29	29½
Newmont Mng	47½	47½
Niag Mohawk	7½	7½
Nike B	103½	103½
NL Industries	10½	10½
Noram Energy	10½	10½
Nordstrom	41½	42½
Norfolk Sthrn	91½	91½
Nthn State Pwr	44½	45
Norwest Corp	34½	34½
Nynex Corp	44½	44½
Occidental Pet	22½	22½
Ohio Edison	21½	21½
Oracle	38½	38½

	Jul 31 midday	Jul 30 close
Oryx Energy Co	15½	15
Overseas Ship	17½	17½
Owens Corning	38½	37½
PHH Corp	52½	52
PPG Industries	49½	48½
PNC Bank	30	30
PP&L Res	22½	22½
Paccar Inc	46	45½
Pacificorp	20½	20½
Pac Enterprises	29½	29½
Pac Gas & Elect	19½	19½
Pac Telesis	33½	33
Pall Corp	24½	23½
Parker Hannifin	35½	34½
Penn Energy	23½	23½
Penney (JC)	49½	50
Pennzoil	48½	48½
Pepsico	32	32
Pfizer	69½	70½
Pharm & Upjhn	40½	40½
Phelps Dodge	58½	60
Philip Morris	104½	103½
Phillips Pet	39½	39½
Pitney Bowes	48½	48½
Polaroid	42½	42½
PriceCostco	20½	20½
Procter & Gmbl	89½	88½
Providian	40½	40½
Pub Serv E & G	26	26
Quaker Oats	32	31½
Ralston Purina	62½	61½
Raychem Corp	66½	66½
Raytheon	48½	47½
Reebok Intl	35	35½
Reynolds Metals	50½	50½
Rockwell Intl	52½	52½
Rohm & Haas	59½	59½
Royal Dutch	150½	149
Rubbermaid	29½	29½
SBC Comms	48½	48½
Safeco Corp	32½	32½
St Paul's Co	51½	51½
Salomon Inc	42½	42½
Sara Lee Corp	32	31½
Schering Plough	55½	55½
Schlumberger	91	89½
Seagram	33	32½
Sears Roebuck	41½	42
Shell Trans	87	86½
Sherwin Wllms	44½	44½
Skyline Corp	24½	24
Snap-On-Tools	44½	44½
Southern Co	22½	22½
Sprint Corp	36½	35½
Stanley Works	28½	28½
Sun Company	25½	25½
Sun Microsys	54½	52½
Suntrust	36½	36½
Supervalu	27½	27½
Sysco Corp	29½	29½
TRW Inc	90½	89½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	10½	10½
Tandy Corp	42½	42½
Teledyne	35½	35½
Temple Inland	47½	47½
Tenneco	49	49½
Texaco	84½	84½
Texas Inst	43½	43½
Texas Utilities	41½	42
Textron	79½	79½
Time Warner	35½	35
Times-Mirror A	41½	40½
Timken	36½	36½
Torchmark	41½	41½
Toys R Us	26½	26½
Transamerica	69½	69½
Travelers	41½	40½
Tribune	70½	69½
Tyco Intl	41	41½
UST Inc	33½	33½
UAL	49½	47½
US Inds	22½	22½
US West Comm	30½	30½
USX Marathon	20½	20½
Unicom	23½	23½
Unilever NV	142	140½
Union Camp	48½	48½
Union Carbide	41½	41½
Union Pacific	68½	69½
Unisys Corp	6½	5½
USAIR Group	18½	17½
USF&G Corp	15½	15½
US Life	30½	30½
United Tech	111½	111½
Unocal Corp	32½	32
VF Corp	56½	56
WMX Tech	29½	29
Wal-Mart Stores	23½	24
Warner-Lambert	53½	53½
Wells Fargo	231½	229½
Westinghouse El	17	16½
Weyerhaeuser	42½	42½
Whirlpool	49	49½
Whitman	22½	22½
Winn Dixie	35½	34½
Woolworth	19½	19½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	52½	51½
Xerox	50½	49½
Yellow Corp	12½	12½

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

We're talking phone numbers

CARDCALL, the AIM-bound company that produces phonecards, has turned a telling-off from BT to its favour. To liven up its phonecards, CardCall has been decorating them with different designs, ranging from Batman to National Lottery balls. CardCall recently plumped for a picture of a good old British phonebox. Then, BT pulled the plug, terrified that people would think they were using a BT product.

After a court settlement, CardCall agreed to cease production, which left them with unsellable stock of 1,000 cards. Unlike run-of-the-mill limited edition phonecards, the "Redbox" series are the only ones to have been pulled after a legal dispute, and collectors are going crazy for them. Through the pages of phonecard magazines, CardCall's remaining cards, worth £2, are changing hands for £100 each. At a production cost of 10p, this gives the otherwise useless cards a value of £100,000.

Hard cheese

DAIRY CREST discarded 20 pounds of prize-winning cheddar cheese yesterday. A huge sculpture, carved in the shape of Dairy Crest's 155p share price from a champion cheddar called Davidstow, which won first prize in the Nantwich International Cheese Show yesterday, was wheeled out for the flotation. According to Dairy Crest: "It's a very fine cheese, and wasn't in the best condition at the end of the day."

Albingia, Guardian Royal Exchange's German arm, has a convincing name for its new personal motor insurance company, launched last week — Die Alternative.

Floating asset

A NEW arrival at Cliveden won't make a huge contribution to the hotel's profits. The grand hotel has just splashed out £15,000 on the *Belmont* — a beautiful slipper launch built in 1934. The 33ft vessel is for the exclusive use of guests who stay at the newly restored Spring Cottage, a National Trust house on the banks of the River Thames, that was built for the Duchess of Sutherland, and used by Cliveden owners. The hotel boasts two boats — the *Liddersdale*, an electric canoe, and *Suzie-Ann*, a £75,000 vessel named after the chairman's wife, who also happens to be the current managing director's ex-wife.

Safer bet

WE know the real reason why London Clubs is relocating the Ritz casino around the corner to St James's Street, rather than extend its lease for its current home in the hotel's basement. According to a former general manager of the Ritz Hotel, the Queen's garden, which backs onto the casino, used to leak like a sieve. He explains: "It was more Manila than Piccadilly. But bearing in mind that we only paid ten guineas a year, we didn't dare complain."

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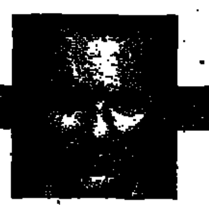
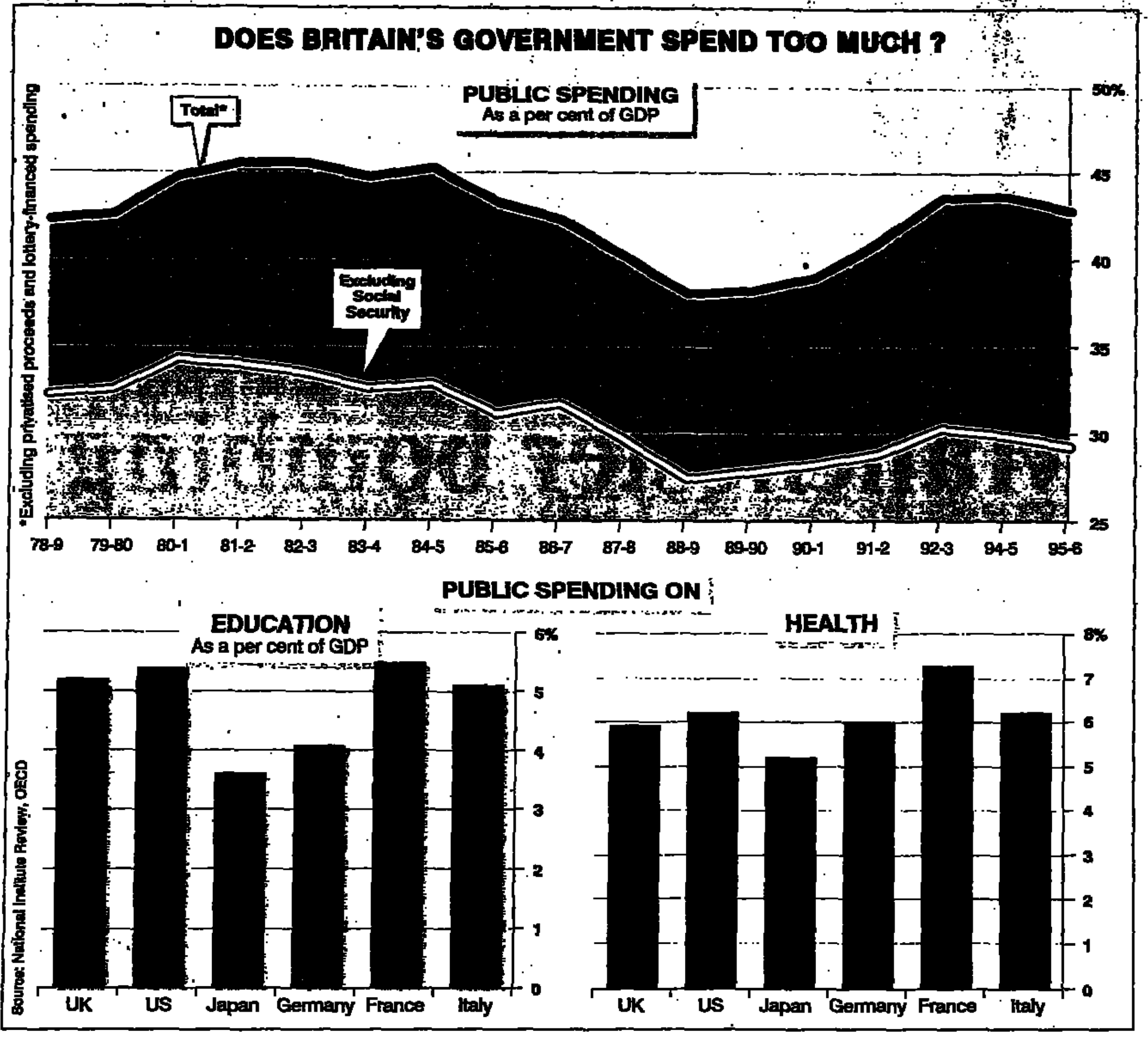


When the public sector is better than the private

Governments have better buying power and can borrow more cheaply



*Excluding privatised proceeds and lottery-financed spending

Source: National Institute Review, OECD

Are public spending and taxes really too high in Britain? It is all too rare these days for a discussion by academically respectable economists to get straight to the point by asking such a direct and important question. For this novelty alone, the article entitled "Are Government Spending and Taxes Too High (or Too Low)?", which was published yesterday in the *National Institute Economic Review*, would deserve attention. And going beyond the title, this concise analysis of Britain's public finances after 17 years of Tory rule should, despite its impenetrable prose and sometimes perverse conclusions, be made compulsory reading for politicians and commentators of all parties.

The value of this article lies not in its main policy conclusion. This is essentially that the only way to reduce, or even control, taxes and public spending is to put the unemployed back to work. This proposition, which has long been obvious to anyone schooled in the Keynesian tradition, is now widely accepted by policymakers the world over. The only people who still seem to believe that significant reductions can be made in either taxes or public spending, without macroeconomic measures to stimulate economic growth are the impractical theorists who inhabit the last redoubts of monetarism — places such as the German Bundesbank, the European Commission and the office of Gordon Brown. The really significant contribution of John Flemming and Peter Oppenheimer, the two distinguished Oxford economists, has not been to proffer their advice but simply to bring together in one thorough study the key statistics and arguments about public finance which have been almost completely missed in the incredibly shallow political debate on these all-important issues.

While it is now well-known that public spending and taxes as a share of GDP remained roughly unchanged in the 17 years of Tory rule, the shift in the way the Government spends our money is less widely recognised. The fact is that the Tories *have* cut spending, and cut it significantly, on many of the key functions of Government. The money spent on providing public goods and services such as education, health, defence, justice, arts and transport has fallen substantially as a proportion of GDP. The trouble is that the savings generated by these cuts have been swallowed up completely by the extra spending on social security transfers — spending which Flemming and Oppenheimer rightly attribute almost entirely to high unemployment, even if much of it is disguised as pensions for early retirees or disability benefits for people pushed off the unemployment rolls. The article rightly rejects most of the Government's claims that spending on health, education and other popular public services has increased in "real terms" under the Tories. Such claims are generally based on misleading statistics which compare the growth in spending with the increase in retail prices. But health, education, policing and most other public services are very labour-intensive, so spending must generally rise in line with wages, rather than prices, for the standard of service just to stand still.

The article also rejects claims that huge efficiency improvements have been "ploughed back" into the provision of better services, since most of these "efficiencies" have resulted simply from holding down pay in the public sector relative to the private sector — a course which is unsustainable in the long term and will eventually be reversed. The article also supports a point often made in this column, particularly in discussing health. Even if private provision of certain public services, such as health and education, turns out to be more efficient in certain respects — for example in making more intensive use of medical equipment and classrooms or in reducing waste in physical resources or employee rostering — it does not follow that privatisation or competition would save money for taxpayers or release resources for other sectors of the economy. Indeed, commercialising the public services will generally drive up costs and result in a higher proportion of the economy's resources being devoted to health, education, policing and so forth.

The main reason for this is that the Government supplies less in the way of health care and education than many people would buy if left to their own devices. This is particularly true as a country gets richer, the returns to education increase and people live longer and have more income to spare on preserving their health. By rationing the amount of services publicly available — and forcing those who want to buy from the private sector to pay twice over, through taxes on top of insurance or fees — the State actually ensures that education, health and other public services absorb less of the economy's resoucres than they would in a competitive market system.

> ❛ What right do governments have to a monopoly to give taxpayers a better deal? ❜

The Government also acts as a monopoly buyer of most public services, and thereby artificially keeps down their costs — most importantly it keeps down the wages of doctors, teachers, professors and policemen below what would probably be their market clearing level in a competitive system. In addition — though this is less certain — there seem to be intangible benefits from working in the public sector which motivate some very able people to work for less than the wages they could command in the open market. Once the public services are commercialised such people tend to demand salaries closer to the market rate.

The fourth problem is that commercial systems are hard to organise in many public services, simply because the output is difficult to measure. For example, the attempt to measure health service efficiency by hospital waiting lists and "finished consultant episodes" is convincingly debunked by Flemming and Oppenheimer. These measures of output bear little relation to the health of patients, or even their satisfaction — and create big incentives for political and managerial manipulation and abuse.

Finally, the public sector can raise finance for investment more cheaply than private sector borrowers, especially ones competing in an untried and artifical market traditionally monopolised by public sector institutions.

In many public services, these four factors between them are likely to outweigh by far the possible efficiencies that might be achieved by introducing better systems of management accounting, tighter financial controls and more competition.

This can be seen seen most clearly by comparing health spending in America and Britain. America spends 13 per cent of GDP on health, as against 6 per cent in Britain. Within that 13 per cent total, however, the American Government, spends more than 5 per cent of GDP to buy modest standards of care for the retired and the indigent. This public spending is the same as Britain's total spending on the NHS for the whole population. The NHS is so much more efficient than America's commercial system that Britain effectively gets medicine for everyone under 65 as a free extra.

In education, by contrast, Britain spends about the same as most other countries. If Britain's educational attainments are unimpressive, this seems to have little to do either with "underresourcing" or with the lack of commercial management.

All these arguments about efficiency and resource allocation, however, beg an important question. What if people want to spend or even "waste" more money on health, education and other public services than the political system seems to allow?

As a society gets richer, should tax-financed public services be replaced with private commercial ones to give citizens the right to buy more health, education and so on, even if this is in some sense economically wasteful? And what right does the Government have to operate a monopoly designed to keep down the pay of doctors, professors and so on, simply in order to give taxpayers a better deal?

These are the kind of questions the radical Right ought to be asking if they want to privatise core services in the public sector and dramatically reduce the role of the State. As long as the free-marketeers hide behind bogus claims about increasing efficiency and saving money, they will convince no one. The public services are not inherently inefficient — and markets do not always save money. Anyone who finds this incredible should read the National Institute review.

Princely dream begins to reap timely reward

Jon Ashworth finds renewed optimism over the contentious Poundbury project

The royal divorce settlement has come and gone, but there is no easy let-up for the Duchy of Cornwall, the traditional provider of income to the Prince of Wales. Pressure on the Duchy to perform is greater than ever, and nowhere are the stakes higher than in Poundbury, the controversial housing development on the outskirts of Dorchester, West Dorset.

The butt of various jokes over the years, Poundbury is at last beginning to prove its critics wrong. Some 69 houses have been built since work began three years ago, and a further 88 are under construction. Half the homes were purchased by the Guinness Trust for letting to local people. The development's "toytown" image belies what is intended to become a sizeable extension to Dorchester, providing 2,500 homes at prices from £58,000 to £140,000.

Poundbury's origins date to 1987 when West Dorset District Council designated 400 acres of Duchy of Cornwall land for development. Leon Krier, an architect and urban planner, was asked to design an urban extension to Dorchester in sympathy with the style and layout of traditional West Dorset.

A boost to Poundbury's struggle for respectability came this summer when SMTech, an American owned high-tech electronics firm, became the first major business to choose to base there. The hope is that a mix of industries will follow, limiting exposure to any one sector — Poundbury has had a rough enough ride without the stigma of a corporate collapse.

When the Prince of Wales formally opened SMTech's offices, he praised West Dorset District Council for its support and said new ground had been broken in designs and standards. The task now lay in creating a sense of community by bringing homes and workplaces together, he said. Poundbury was in a much more interesting and potentially exciting position when it came to attracting new residents and businesses.

There are benefits as a whole for West Dorset, which has suffered from defence cutbacks at Portland and Weymouth. The hope is that Poundbury will act as a lure to investors, boosting local employment. SMTech must be revelling in the publicity. Owned by Quad Systems Corporation of Philadelphia, the company makes machines that print solder paste on to printed circuit boards. The units, which cost up to £100,000 each, are air-freighted to America and Japan. Clients include Samsung, Siemens, and Motorola, which use the technology in everything from mobile phones to laptop computers. SMTech has annual sales above £5 million.

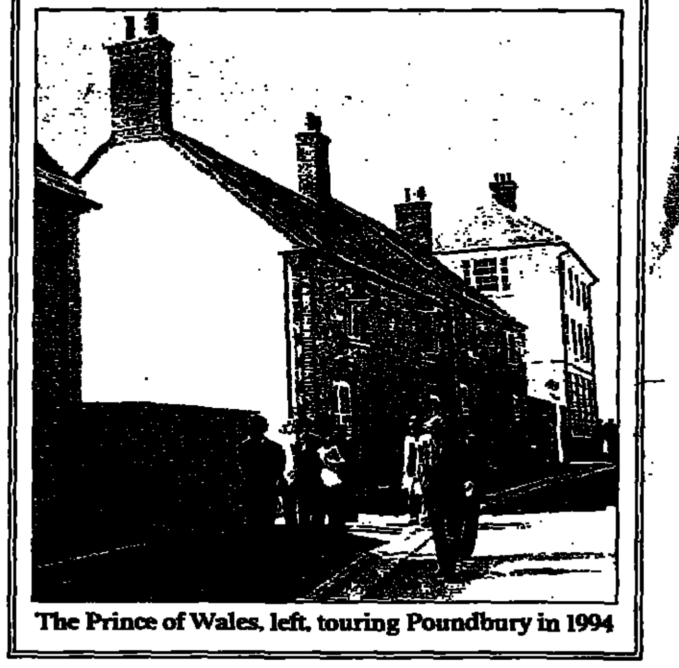
The number of foreign visitors is growing, many from South Korea and Japan. Dignitaries are treated to splendid views of rolling fields — if marred by the sound of lorries and cement-mixers. The Prince of Wales "connection" can do no harm. There are plans to turn a central courtyard into a ceremonial Japanese garden.

David Wheatley, managing director of SMTech, was encouraged by the Duchy to move from smaller premises in Dorchester. He said: "They understood our requirement for a high-quality environment ... that would impress visitors."

Improving fortunes at Poundbury are all too welcome to the Duchy. Income has swelled dramatically in recent years, fuelled by tight control of costs and a tougher stance on tenant farmers. Duchy income for 1995 amounted to £10.2 million. After operating costs, the surplus payable to the Prince of Wales (before tax) was £4.9 million.

The Duchy's portfolio is split between agricultural land, commercial property and stocks and shares. Holdings include more than 220 tenanted farms, about 70,000 acres of Dartmoor, and a valuable slice of London real estate, notably the Oval cricket ground in Kennington. Poundbury is a small, but visible, part of an eclectic portfolio.

Critics have been quick to condemn Poundbury — it can look bleak on a bad day, but some basic facilities such as pubs and corner shops will help. The arrival of SMTech has been a huge morale-booster and talks with other prospective business tenants are ongoing. The Prince of Wales might be back cutting the ribbon sooner than he anticipated.



The Prince of Wales, left, touring Poundbury in 1994

BUSINESS LETTERS

Time for independent review of Ofgas arrangements

From Mr H. Nicholas Sturcke

Sir, There appears to be need for an urgent review of the workings of Ofgas. The further delay in the announcement of its final price control proposals, coupled with the appointment of yet another consultant, SBC Warburg, has, as perhaps implied in your Tempus column (July 23), raised questions on the efficiency with which Ofgas operates, particularly in the light of the continuing need to limit public expenditure.

Ofgas has been operating as a gas industry specialist for at least ten years. However, it still appears to have so little of its own expertise that not only does it continue to require the extensive and no doubt not inexpensive use of consultants, it also seems unable to appraise the advice provided to it to develop defendable proposals in its mainstream regulatory activity. It is ironical that the intention of Ofgas is to improve the efficiency of British Gas while operating so haphazardly itself.

There seems, therefore, to be an urgent need for an independent review of the workings and funding of Ofgas; even gas consumers might prefer a reallocation of funds to more deserving effectively run services. Perhaps the first step should be to link movements in the Ofgas budget with the movement of future affordable British Gas dividends.

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Chance of a quick payout to be equalled only by 50 years of mutual bounty

From Mr Michael Hardern

Sir, Mutuality might seem better than conversion to Matthew Roberts (Letters, July 18) but for 75 per cent of members it will take at least 50 years of mutual bounty to equal the likely cash or shares windfall.

Rob Thomas, building society analyst at UBS, calculates that plc dividends will cost borrowers and savers 0.5 per cent between them. Three quarters of savers have less than the average £5,000 investment. Their expected windfall would be about £1,250 from most societies — yes, even, the tiddlers.

Economics, common sense and fairness dictate that most members would be crazy not to vote for a windfall. Meanwhile, Nationwide and Britannia are giving one third of their profits — the same as they would distribute in dividends as a plc — mostly to their biggest savers and borrowers without even consulting their memberships.

Yours faithfully,
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India's cinema

From Mr Robert Hardcastle

Sir, I cannot speak for Canada, but when Eric Reguly says that cinema advertising is virtually "non-existent" in India, he is badly misinformed (Carlton pays £58m for Cinema Media, July 23).

By the 1950s, during which time I worked with a British advertising agency in that country, cinema was already well established as the prime medium — much more effective than press advertising or posters when reaching out to the largely illiterate mass market. It remains a powerful force to this day.

Among the many talented visualisers and artists employed by my company was a young man, Manek Roy. He became better known as Satyajit Ray, the celebrated film director, who was always quick to acknowledge his debt to his early training in making cinema advertising films.

Yours faithfully,
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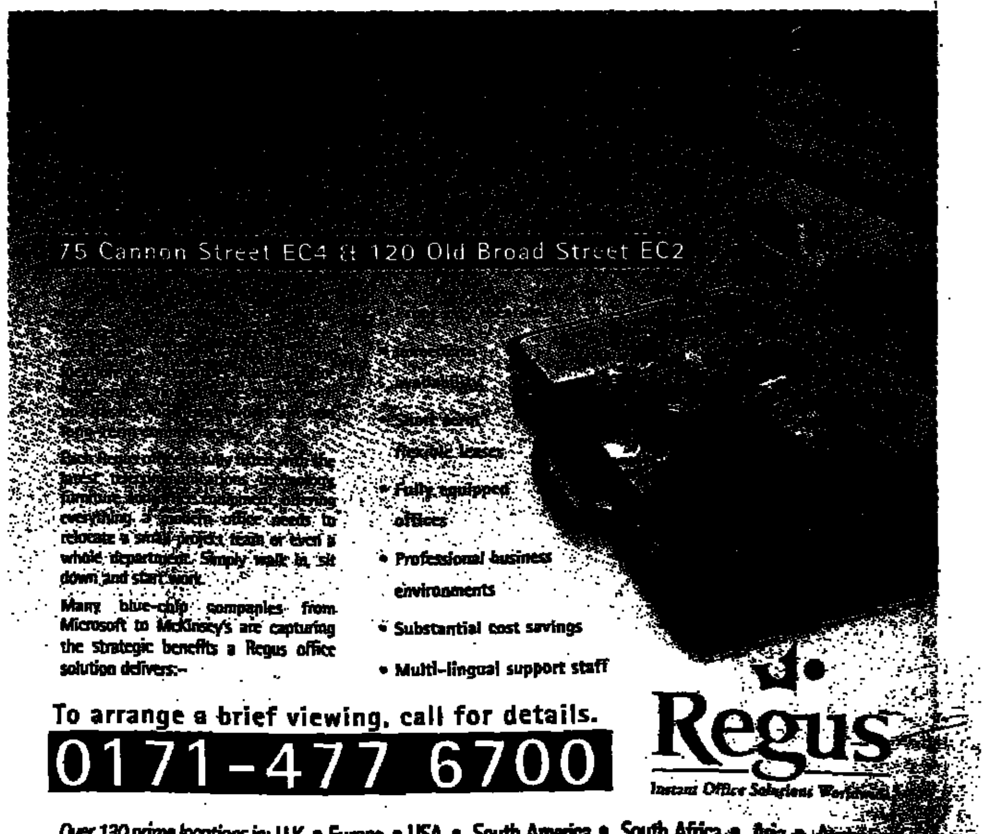

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Warning by gold miners on land rights

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE
IN KALGOORLIE

AUSTRALIA'S gold-mining community said yesterday that landmark native title legislation protecting aboriginal land rights could deter companies from investing in future mining exploration in Australia.

The Native Title Act was introduced in 1992 as part of Australia's Mabo legislation to enshrine the rights of indigenous people over historic land.

Addressing the annual Diggers and Dealers gold conference in Kalgoorlie, Ron Manners, chairman of Croesus Mining, said: "Without some prompt action from *Parliament, all Australians* will be poorer as a result of Australia's mineral exploration dollars going elsewhere."

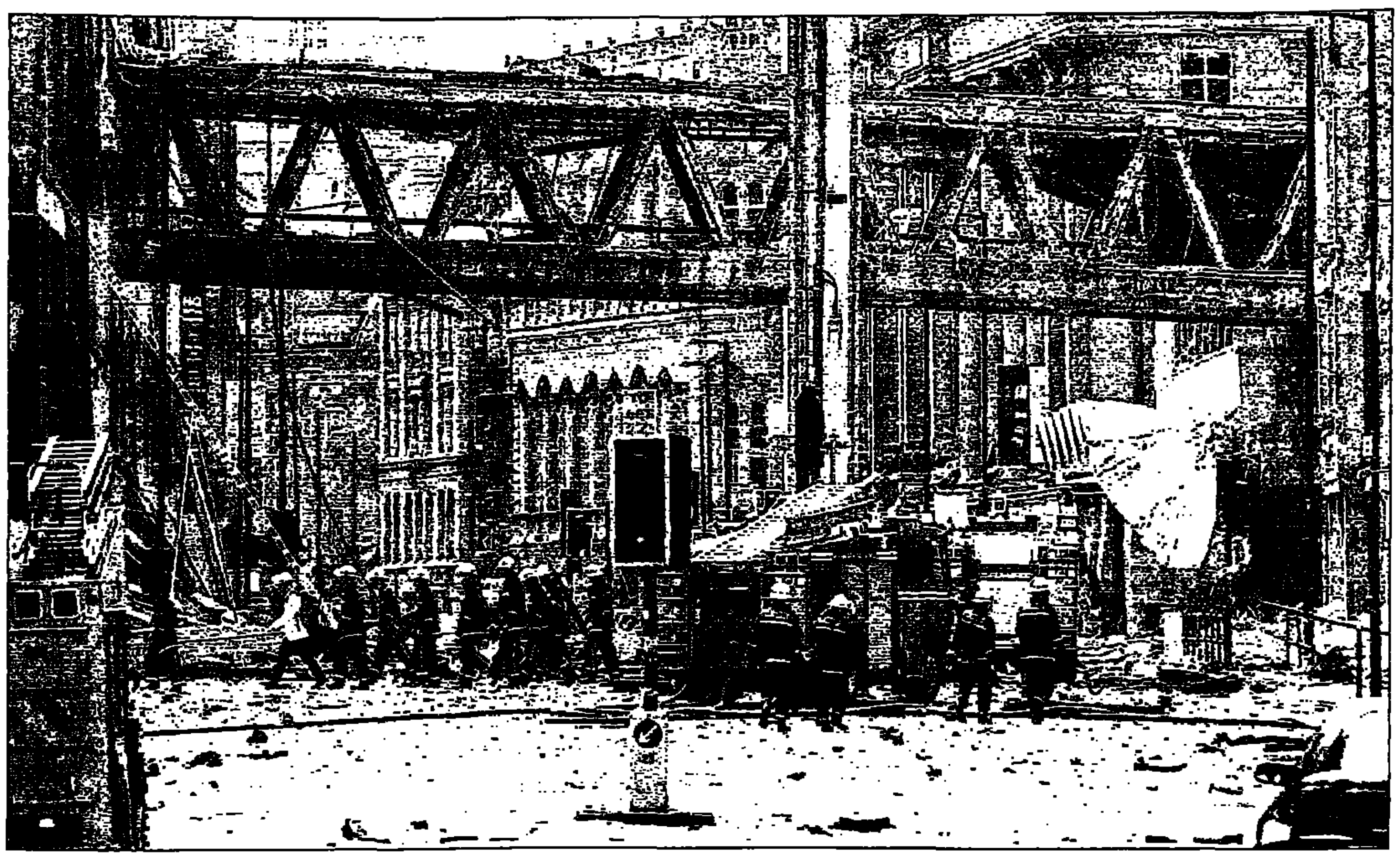
He added: "This ill-considered legislation is having the same effect as similar Canadian legislation, resulting in Canadian companies exploring everywhere in the world except Canada."

The outburst came *amid* growing fears among the mining community that local aboriginal communities will use the Native Title Act to block exploration and development.

Only last month, RTZ, the British mining giant, was forced to put on hold its proposed Century Zinc mine in Queensland after its attempts to bypass the Native Title Act met with fierce opposition from aboriginal groups and prompted a political row over the question of land rights.

Robert Champion de Crespigny, chairman of Normandy Mining, told the Kalgoorlie conference yesterday: "The legislation at the moment is totally unsatisfactory, not just to the mining community but to aboriginals as well."

Robert French, president of the Native Title Tribunal, told the mining community yesterday that they had to be pragmatic about the legislation.



The bomb attack by the IRA in Manchester in June contributed to a decline in first-half pre-tax profits at Guardian Royal Exchange

IRA's Manchester bombing costs Guardian Royal £5m

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

THE IRA bombing of the Arndale centre in Manchester cost Guardian Royal Exchange £5 million and contributed to a 29 per cent fall in its first-half pre-tax profits.

The group made profits of £231 million in the first half of this year, compared with £327 million over the same period last year. John Robins, group chief executive, said that the results were satisfactory.

He added: "Despite tough trading conditions in all our markets and the effects of severe weather in North America and the UK the group achieved a satisfactory trading profit of £137 million for the period." The interim dividend was increased 9.7 per cent, from 3.1p per share to 3.4p per share.

Guardian Royal Exchange has been mooted as a possible takeover target, especially after the merger of Royal and Sun Alliance, two of its main rivals.

Mr Robins denied that the group was in talks with any particular company about a merger, but said: "We believe we have to compete more effectively." The group's trading profit for the first half was down 23 per cent to £137 million from £179 million last year.

The UK general insurance division made an underwriting loss of £14 million in the first six months of the year, compared with profits of £30 million in the first half of 1995. As well as the impact of the Manchester bomb, the underwriting results were adversely effected by high subsidence claims, which increased losses by £7 million.

The UK life insurance division fared better, increasing contributions to profits from £9 million to £11 million. The group announced that it had cut six-month operating costs from £43.6 million to £33.6 million — a drop of 23 per cent.

Mr Robins said that the life insurance company was on target to cut its costs by 50 per cent. He added: "In our financial services operations we maintained the pressure on operating expenses."

Mr Robins said the restructuring of its life insurance subsidiary would continue and that it was intended to concentrate on selling critical illness and long-term care and health insurance products.

He highlighted the appointment of Alan Oddie, formerly new business development director of M&G, the fund manager, to head the financial services division.

He also said that the group wanted to continue the expansion of its direct operations.

The company said it was looking to expand in Amerrica through the purchase of another general insurer. Mr Robins said that it intended to spend in the region of £333 million on a purchase.

Sony doubles first-quarter profits

BY JON ASHWORTH

SONY, the Japanese electronics group, more than doubled *profits in the first quarter*, despite incurring a loss on the foreign exchange market.

Net profits increased to Y17.10 billion ($159 million) in the three months to June 30, compared with Y7.47 billion ($69.8 million) in the same period last year. Movement in forward contracts in currencies resulted in a foreign exchange loss of Y568 million *($5.30 million). The gains were* fuelled by strong worldwide sales of televisions, video and audio equipment and other electronics goods, as well as entertainment products for Sony's music and pictures divisions.

Weakness in the yen accounted for some of the growth in Sony's overseas sales. A drop in the yen's value *against other* currencies makes Japanese products more competitive abroad, as this brings down their prices in terms of foreign currency.

Group sales increased to Y1.17 trillion ($10.9 billion) during the quarter, a rise of 31 per cent on the same period last year. Sales were particularly strong in America and Europe.

Sony *remained* cautious on the outlook for the full year, sticking to its forecast of net profits of Y95 billion ($887 million) on sales of Y5 trillion ($46.7 billion). This would leave profits up 75 per cent on the previous year, while sales would be nine per cent higher.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Australian shares soar after rate cut

AUSTRALIA'S *Reserve* Bank yesterday cut interest rates from 7.5 per cent to 7 per cent in a surprise move which met an enthusiastic response from the business community. David Trude, senior operating officer at First Pacific, stockbrokers, said: "It is a great psychological boost — it's good for the building companies, it's good for the banks, it's good for the financial services industry, it will definitely help. The economy needed this".

It was the first adjustment since rates were raised by 1 per cent in December 1994. Shares on the Australian stock market soared, closing 49.5 points ahead at 2,180.3, their biggest one-day rise for two years. The Reserve Bank said the cut had been made because of the improved outlook for inflation and for faster economic growth. *Bernie Fraser, Governor, said:* "The reduction in rates will help buoy the economy and make more progress over the year ahead in reducing unemployment".

Hinchliffe hearing

THE Department of Trade and Industry has applied to have Stephen Hinchliffe, the entrepreneur and founder of Facia, the collapsed high street retail group, to be disqualified under Section 6 of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986. Today's proceedings at the district court in Newcastle upon Tyne also involve Christopher Harrison, a *fellow Facia director, and centre on the* collapse two years ago of Boxgrey, a company formerly known as En-Tout-Cas.

J&J Dyson advances

SHARES in J&J Dyson, the Sheffield-based refractories supplier and building-materials company, jumped 12p to 215p on a better-than-expected pre-tax profit of £2.88 million for the year ending March 31, up 20 per cent from £2.39 million previously. Turnover was £55.6 million (£50.1 million). A final dividend of 3p will be paid on October 1, making a full-year dividend of 4.5p, up from 4p *previously*. The company said trading had picked up in the final quarter.

New jobs for Scotland

A THIRD Taiwanese company is to open a plant in Scotland's old steel belt, creating 200 jobs. The announcement yesterday of the £12 million components plant in Mossend, Lanarkshire, for the Allied Precision Company (UK) comes only weeks after Lite-On Technology, another Taiwan firm, announced plans for a computer monitor plant with more than 1,000 jobs. In November, Chungwha Picture Tubes of Taiwan said it would build a £260 million plant at Mossend.

Midshires ahead by 14%

BIRMINGHAM MIDSHIRES, the tenth-largest building society, announced a 14 per cent rise in interim operating profit to £34.3 million and an 18 per cent reduction in provisions for bad debts to £1.8 million. Including an exceptional loss of £1.6 million last year, pre-tax profit rose 20 per cent in the six months to £34.3 million from £28.6 million in the same period of 1995. The society expects house prices to rise by two to four per cent by the end of the year.

Precoat earnings up

PRECOAT INTERNATIONAL, the UK's largest manufacturer of pre-coated steel, lifted pre-tax profits 24 per cent to £3.05 million and earnings 21 per cent to 14.7p per share during the year to April 30. The group, which generates 20 per cent of sales from Canada, said anticipated sluggish home demand could affect trading. A final dividend of 3.3p, due on October 1, makes a total of 5.5p (4.56p). The shares, placed at 125p in April 1995, eased 2p to 192p.

ACCOUNTANCY

Derivatives caught in hedge

Gerry Acher on an issue that may bring ASB thinking to a crunch

Some accounting issues have been around for a very long time and are still not wholly resolved — just think of goodwill. Derivatives, however, are a child of the past two decades. Two weeks ago, they came of age when the ASB issued its long-awaited discussion paper on derivatives. Though a fortnight is too short a time to digest all its complexities, we can begin to mull over the bigger issues.

First, more disclosure is proposed. That is uncontentious, and I support it. But the other half of the story is measurement. This tells you what figure to put in the balance sheet and what profits to report. The core of the measurement proposals is that all financial instruments, including most monetary assets and liabilities, as well, be stated at current value, often known as marking-to-market.

The ASB's tentative conclusions would have a dramatic impact on the way we look at accounts and would extend far beyond the question of how to account for derivatives. Preparers and commentators have not yet grasped the size or complexity of the issues. I will highlight just one that could bring the ASB's thinking to a crunch.

The issue is *hedging*; *if a hedge does its job, there should be no profit or loss as a result* of changes in the factor hedged. But accountants and standard-setters around the world have struggled for an acceptable definition of a hedge, one meeting economic reality and accounting theory.

Derivatives have vastly multiplied the opportunity to hedge. Held as hedges, many are already marked-to-market and, to that extent, appear on companies' balance sheets, but the ASB's concern is driven by those that are not. Its main concern lies in cases in which a realised gain or loss is carried forward against a future transaction. It has difficulty fitting that treatment into its definitions of assets and liabilities and feels uneasy that such items should go other than through the profit and loss account. This then extends to the view that unrealised gains and losses on hedges should receive the same treatment.

Let us study that proposition. Much of the earlier comment cited the case of Japan Airlines (JAL) and its Y173 billion (£1.1 billion) "losses" on hedges. It seems that, in the mid-1980s, JAL had taken out forward currency contracts to buy dollars (for yen) to hedge against changes in the yen equivalent amount of the purchase prices of aircraft. Whether those purchases were *committed ones or* merely planned, does not really matter as far as illustrating the issues is concerned. In effect, the purchase price risk was fixed at the yen equivalent in the mid-1980s, but, as luck would have it, the yen strengthened and the jets would have cost them Y173 billion less if they had not *bothered with the hedge.* That is certainly an *opportunity* loss, but is it one that should be recognised there and then in the profit and loss account, as the ASB would propose?

Gerry Acher says Britain can lead the debate on hedging

Suppose that JAL had contracted to buy the aircraft in yen, then, come the day that the aircraft entered service, the yen cost would be set against *operating revenues in the form* of depreciation. If it turns out that the yen price of the aircraft was more than they would have paid had they contracted in dollars, should the difference be immediately expensed? *If the list price of* a machine falls after you contract to buy it, do you necessarily write off the difference at once? This is the equivalent of the ASB proposal, because all that the hedge achieves is to convert a dollar commitment into a yen one; economically, the result is the same.

What really seems to give the ASB difficulty is the idea of spreading the "loss" forward over the life of the aircraft. Rather than facing up to the definitional problems, it opts to cut the Gordian knot by not dealing with them at all — although, curiously, they then reappear in weaker form in another part of the proposals. To mark-to-market would recognise the loss on the derivative as one transaction, and the purchase of the jet as something completely separate.

The ASB is not alone in facing this thorny problem; the IASC and the FASB are also trying to tackle the issue. If we can all co-operate, we might even pull off the trick of having consistent approaches around the world. What is more, the opportunity is there for the UK to lead the debate. But we must get it right.

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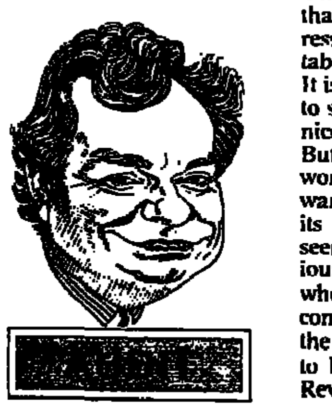
Quest for Holy Grail of tax simplification

THE Holy Grail has been sighted again. Through misty swirling clouds, a glimpse has been reported by the mighty firm of KPMG. *The possibility of tax simplification is assessed* in a survey of finance directors' views that the firm has published this week.

Much of it is predictable. The costs are rocketing upwards. The 266 finance directors of listed companies who responded to the survey indicated tax compliance costs ranging from £3,500 a year to £1.25 million. The mean value was £126,400 and from this KPMG extrapolate a total annual expenditure by the UK's listed companies of about £265 million. Of that, 55 per cent is staff costs, says the survey, and 36 per cent is the cost of external advisers.

So there you have the first problem. A huge number of people make a good living out of the very tax complexity that everyone moans about. Furthermore, the survey shows that this enterprising tax culture is expanding at a *pretty satisfactory rate for tax experts* generally. "Over the period 1991-96," says the survey, "tax compliance costs have increased by 33.6 per cent as compared to an RPI increase of 14.5 per cent." As at many junctures in arguments about tax complexity put across by tax advisers, you want to stop them and ask whether they are boasting or complaining. At this point in the argument, people usually pick up a cudgel and take a swipe at the Inland Revenue. Unusually, the survey shows that this route is not as popular as thought. More people (35 per cent) thought the tax authorities to be helpful than unhelpful (18.8 per cent). For the finance directors surveyed, the greatest *problem was the complexity* of tax legislation. An overwhelming 95.1 per cent thought it was the greatest problem of all, with 4.5 per cent unable to make up their minds and those who disagreed with the idea being so few and far between as to be almost unmeasurable.



ROBERT BRUCE

Tax complexity has always got the vote in recent years. It is an obvious choice. KPMG quotes the recent legislation on corporate debt, which, leaving out the transitional provisions, runs to 25 sections and seven schedules in the 1996 Finance Act, taking up 84 pages. *As the firm says, that is "too lengthy to* use without incurring excessive costs". But judging by the anonymous comments quoted in the survey, finance directors do not think much will come from the current efforts to rewrite tax legislation in a simpler form. "Tax simplification is a noble objective," says one, "but will not be achieved by simply rewriting the tax Acts in supposedly plain language. A *fundamental overhaul is required.*

"Fewer taxes and fewer reliefs would simplify the system, but, with the lawmakers' obsession that everyone is into avoidance schemes on a wholesale basis, simplification is impossible." And this is where the survey really touches on the way that the Revenue — whose policies in recent years have been directed as much by slash-and-burn accountants as by people attempting to implement tax policies — has changed. When it came to categories of service like "timeliness of response", "efficiency", and, to a lesser extent, "accuracy", many more people thought the Revenue had improved over the past five years than thought it had not. But the reverse was true when it came to "helpfulness", "suspicion", and "aggression". In particular, 51.5 per cent thought the Inland Revenue's aggression had increased over the period. Only 8.6 per cent thought that it had become less aggressive. Part of this is predictable — a knee-jerk response. It is always going to be hard to say that tax gatherers are nice, well-mannered folk. But the problem is going to worsen. The whole shift towards self-assessment and its swingeing penalties for seemingly innocuous behaviour is going to make the whole relationship more confrontational. Add to that the pressures that are going to be felt by much-reduced Revenue staff numbers and you have an inevitable worsening of the relationship. The answers to this worrying change are difficult to discern. The survey suggests that there should be fewer taxes — 71.4 per cent agreed with that idea. But the most popular route to that solution, favoured by 57 per cent, was to abolish National Insurance contributions and merge them with income tax. But no government of whatever hue is going to make it more obvious to voters quite what an immense amount of tax is scooped from their salaries.

Trying to reduce tax complexity will remain a Holy Grail. It is tempting. At times, it *may seem almost attainable.* But the system runs against it. Corporate affairs are more complex. Transactions are more complex. Tax advisers are multiplying like rabbits. The only certainties left to us are death, taxes and inexorably rising legal fees.

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ACCOUNTANTS are always complaining that it takes ages, or is impossible, to get at the documents needed for an investigation or an audit. However, when the roles are *reversed*, things are often no better. Take the latest report from the profession's Joint Disciplinary Scheme, into the aftermath of fraud at International Signal and Control Group (ISC). Michael Chance, the Scheme's executive counsel, reports that, after lengthy efforts, the relevant working papers were found to be at KPMG's New York offices. "Once they had been found, a *third visit to America* was arranged," his report says. "My investigating accountants were not permitted to photocopy relevant material on any of the American firm's files, rendering extensive note-taking necessary." No wonder that the investigation cost "approximately" £500,000.

Not so constant

KPMG's study of finance directors' views on simplifying tax bears many useful ideas. It also inadvertently praises the Inland Revenue, where no praise, to judge by the rest of the survey, is due. An argument in the text about how people thought the Revenue's timeliness of response had got worse in the past five years is illustrated in a bar chart labelled "Timelessness of response". *If only* tax policies were that constant.

Birthday boy

IT IS NOT often that accountants are honoured for their fine works. However, one who has retained the affection and respect of the profession for more years than most people would care to measure is Will Baxter, Professor Emeritus at the London School of Economics. A book of essays in honour of the man whom it describes as a "gentle revolutionary" *has been published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants* of Scotland, at a suitably modest price of £8 a copy, to honour his 90th birthday.

ROBERT BRUCE

Equities close near best of day

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
558	419	Allied Domecq	448	+ 10	8.8	17.0
625	500	Bulmer (HP)†	594	+ 1	2.8	...
131	95	Burn Stewart	101	...	6.2	21.8
775	615	Glenmorangie A	765	...	2.8	19.6
464	411	Grand Metr	434½	+ 4½	4.4	18.4
493	455	Guinness	462	+ 3	4.0	15.1
378	315	Highland Dist	371	...	2.7	17.3
195	150	Macallan-Glen	153	...	1.2	31.4
803	655	Matthew Clark	694	− 4	4.4	28.9
141	93	Merrydown Wi	130	...	4.7	...
2612½	1708¼	SA Breweries	1762½	...	2.0	...

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3618¾	2743¾	ABN-AMRO	3371¾	+ 75	4.1	11.5
593	528	Abbey Nat	571½	+ 7½	4.8	11.0
385	315	Allied Irish	350	+ 5	4.9	10.2
336	265	Aus New Z	317	+ 6	5.8	7.8
5243¾	3943¾	Bank America	5087¼	+ 62½	...	...
316	227½	Bank Scotland	228	− 3½	3.9	9.8
818	683	Barclays	815	+ 5	4.0	10.7
488	413	Bk of Ireland†	451	+ 4	4.2	...
482	370	Cater Allen†	420	+ 2	6.0	12.5
5606¾	4031¼	Citicorp†	5225	+ 60	...	...
392	318	Close Bros	338	...	3.4	14.6
£157¾	£131½	Commerzbk	£148¾	+ 37½	3.5	...
1350	1065¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1084¾	+ 12½	0.5	...
3412½	2950	Deutsche Bk	3280¼	+ 3½	2.4	...
800½	593¾	Espirito Santo	789¾	...	4.7	10.2
1507	1239	Fuji Bank Y	1347¼	− 10½	0.4	...
472	337	General Nat	390	...	8.5	10.7
252	196	Hambros†	224½	+ 8½	4.2	...
1125	837	HSBC	1087½	+ 15½	8.8	11.3
1099	830	HSBC HK	1037	+ 17½	3.9	11.0
421	385	Irish Perm	403	...	3.2	11.0
177	149	King Shaxson†	155	+ 4	7.3	13.5
455	415	Leopold J	418	...	8.8	14.6
349	294½	Lloyds TSB	346	+ 7	4.4	14.5
640	556	Nat Aust Bk	582	− 3	7.4	7.5
711	605½	Nat West	625	+ 9	5.4	8.8
65	60	Rea Brothers	58	...	2.5	24.0
586	468	Royal Bk Scot	489	− 2	4.5	10.4
1380	1185	Schroders	1270	+ 2	1.6	17.7
1120	888	Schroders N/V	965	...	2.1	13.4
122	99½	Singer & Fried	107	− 1	4.7	8.9
680	547	Stand Chart	658	− 6	2.1	14.3
105	85½	Union	96	+ 1	3.9	...
£174¾	£131¾	Wells Fargo	£146¾	+ 137½	2.3	...
329½	264	Westpac	292¼	+ 9½	4.8	...
380	288	Woolwich	358	...	4.5	...

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
50	36	Abode Sk Hlds	38	...	...	3.2
387	283	Ascot Hldgs	308	− 5	...	11.6
839	702	Bass	784	+ 5	3.7	18.9
70	40	Bk for the Bdr	41	...	5.0	10.7
177	161	Boddington Brwy	167	...	4.1	15.1
126½	92	City Centre Rest	120	...	2.3	22.6
621	463	Compass Gp	558	− 1	1.8	26.6
265	190	Eldridge P 'A'©	256	+ 6	2.3	23.6
540	413	Fuller Sm 'A'©	530	...	2.2	18.1
636	546	Greenalls Gp	557	...	3.3	15.1
671	587¼	Greene King▼	610	+ 25	3.2	...
285	224	Grosvenor Inns	229	...	3.2	...
259	204	Groupe Chez Ger	225	...	1.4	22.8
357	280	Hardy Hanson†	305	...	4.2	11.4
3475	3050	Holt J	3075	...	2.3	16.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1¼	0¼	Angle Ltd	1	...	...	...
388	288	Antofagasta	386	− 3	2.1	10.9
1056	804	Broken Hill	845	+ 7	3.0	18.7
340	229	BTR	248	+ 6	7.5	10.3
588	471	BAT	504	+ 22	8.3	9.7
224	173½	Berisford Intl	179	...	2.4	13.0
134	108	Bibby LD	123	...	6.1	8.9
63¼	50¾	Brierley Inv	63¼	+ 1½	7.2	3.3
972	813	Charter	814	− 4	4.2	12.1
328	247½	Cookson	261	+ 5	3.8	13.7
193	141	Cosalt†	180	...	6.3	11.4
283	204	DCC	267	...	3.2	10.8
140	113	Glasgow Hdg	125	...	6.1	13.9
220	151¾	Harrisons	160¼	+ ½	9.4	7.5
172½	123	Harlen Cnsld	124	...	9.1	12.0
438¼	379½	Hutch Whamp	383¼	+ 3¼	2.0	28.7
563½	389¼	Jardine Math	395	− 5	4.1	...
217½	162	Lonrho†	169½	− ½	3.6	10.5

PHARMACEUTICALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3500¾	1837	Brit Biotech	2083	+ 15	...	...
775	349	Cantab Pharms	653	...	...	...
688	473½	Celltech	608	...	...	...
588	224	Chiroscience	368	+ 3	...	...
447	166	Cortecs	247	− 3	...	...
988	767	Glaxo Wellcome	894½	− 4½	4.3	12.5
286	208	Medeva†	245	− 1	2.2	13.9
248	198	Peptide Thera	205	...	...	...
808	524	Scotia	713	− 2	...	...
266	183	Shire Pharms	235	...	...	...
98	69	SkyePharma	72	...	...	...
727½	620½	SmithKline	692½	+ 11½	2.8	24.4
525	477	[illegible]	477	− 8	...	...
633	478	Vanguard	478	− 5	...	...
1474	1216	Zeneca	1391	+ 12	2.8	22.5

PRINTING & PAPER

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
158	130	AG Holdings	156	...	4.6	13.1
686	547	API	685	...	2.9	22.1
140	91	Api Hldr	118	...	...	...
212	164	Arjo Wiggins	173	...	5.4	34.9
295	190	Aspen Comm©	197	...	4.1	11.0
397	339	Bemrose	340	...	5.3	10.2
179	138	Bingsler	167	...	1.2	26.7
2725	2040¾	Bowater Inc	2069¾	+ 6¼	...	...
375	209½	Boxmore Intl	272	...	1.2	23.8
770	645	Br Polythene	724	...	2.8	15.3
38	16	Br Thornton	29	...	...	...
168	133	Brittan Gp	135	...	2.8	12.2
243	191	Bunzl	225	− 1	3.2	14.8
219	173	Capital Inds	178	...	3.7	11.6
337	279	Cropper (James)†	322	...	1.5	25.4
755	579	De La Rue†	605	+ 3	4.9	14.2
95	73	Delyn Group†	75	...	3.3	12.0
172	131	Dolphin Pack	165	...	3.0	17.9
103	88	Fairway Group	92	...	5.4	14.9
267	190	Ferguson Intl	230	...	7.2	12.2
275	148	Filofax	149	− 2	2.8	9.2
177	112	Inveresk	147	...	5.0	13.0
310	215	Jarvis Porter	215	− 8	3.9	10.7
570	450	Low & Bonar	527	...	3.3	14.5
105	66	MY Holdings	94	...	2.8	18.3
253	212	Macfarlane	212	− 4	2.3	18.1

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1208	1075	Henderson Ad	1105	...	5.1	18.7
285	217	Invesco	220	...	2.6	14.9
48	41	Investment Co†	45	...	6.4	14.1
280	228	Ivory Sime	260	+ 6	3.8	...
250½	183½	Jardine Stra	196	+ 7½	4.8	...
180	98	[illegible]	141	...	3.5	8.6
387	328	Liberty Intl	351	− 1	6.2	20.0
295	218	Lon Forfaiting	259	− 5	4.9	18.6
261	215	London Pacific	224	+ 5	8.3	20.0
117	87½	Lon Scot Bk	102	...	3.2	18.2
186	139	Man ED & F†	165	...	7.7	7.9
1354	1085	M & G	1085	...	3.9	28.1
993	841	NAM	908	+ 1	4.8	...
109	94	Nat Home Loans†	97	...	1.5	4.9
2575	1850	Perpetual	2118	...	2.8	18.8
498	395	Provident	449½	+ 12½	3.9	17.8
396	310	Rathbone Bro	332	...	4.0	14.6
58½	37½	Rutland Tst	51½	...	2.9	18.7
79	42	SEC Group	79	+ 3	6.7	15.5
457	290	S & U	388	...	5.2	10.3
134	100	S&P Capital	111	...	3.7	7.5
807	499½	Save Pacific	551½	+ 1½	2.2	21.8
57	33	Towry Law	38	...	3.2	...
8	5	[illegible]	5½	...	...	...

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
498	258	Lloyds Chem	477	+ 1	2.7	18.5
189½	149½	MFI	175	...	3.2	...
495½	416½	Marks Spencer†	483	− 4	3.0	19.9
635	525	Menzies (John)	580	+ 10	3.1	13.7
21	15½	Merchant Retail	18	− 1	...	...
1305	815	Moss Bros	1180	...	1.9	26.4
596	420	Next	516	− 3	2.5	25.1
63	40½	Oliver (G)	41	...	3.0	...
535	400	[illegible]	512	+ 19	4.9	12.5
80	66	Partridge Fine†	74	...	5.0	...
56	32	QS Hldgs	39	...	2.8	20.1
270	191	Ramsdens	270	+ 22	5.1	...
105	92	Sears	96½	− ½	...	...
34	14½	Signet Group	24	− ¼	...	...
508	389	Smith WH	482	+ 2	4.1	28.9
1010	820	Sotheby's	920	+ 10	1.7	24.9
382	278½	Storehouse†	295	+ 11	3.1	16.8
120	80	Stylo	120	...	5.1	17.9
231	181	T & S Stores	196	− 2	4.5	11.6
171	150	Tie Rack	160	...	2.1	16.8
3¼	2¼	Upton & South	3¼	...	...	...
684	542	Vendome†	575	+ 1	2.2	...
29½	12	WEW Group	25	...	1.8	...
141	66	Whittard	69	...	3.8	...
94	32	Wld of Leather	83	...	2.4	...
222	198	Wyevale	200	...	3.3	17.2

SUPPORT SERVICES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1550	883	ADT	1186	+ 59	...	...
148	136	Action Cp Spis	137	...	...	...
135	92	Alpha Airpts	95	+ 2	6.5	10.4
38	27	Alphameric	28	...	...	...
45	25	Asia Sec	38	...	...	...
190	128	BNB Res	178	...	4.5	10.5
400	283	BPP	383	...	3.7	19.8
186	135	BSM	185	...	4.7	13.3
1850	1015	BTG†	1700	...	0.3	...
1350	400	Berisford©	437½	...	...	...
107	89	Br Bloodstock©	98	...	1.9	28.8
164	123	Brit Data Mgt	152	...	4.2	29.0
105	80	Brooks Service	102	...	3.7	17.4
498	373	Business Post†	451	+ 1	2.4	28.0
685	328	CMG	625	+ 12	0.8	28.7
165	111½	CRT Gp	150	− 1	3.2	23.1
658¼	187	Caird Gp	377	...	...	...
380	285	Capita Group	356	− 4	1.7	27.7
10¼	8	Charmex	7½	+ ¼	2.4	13.5
386	317	Chubb Secr	341	...	3.1	...
183	92	Corp Services	183	+ 1	3.1	22.0
56	46	Coutts Cnslty	53	...	4.7	21.7
180	73	DCS Gp	153	+ 1	1.2	24.0
285	214	Davis Service	264	...	4.4	14.0
558	367	Delphi	520	...	1.1	28.4
145	98	Dudley Jenkins	144	...	3.2	18.4
79	38	EW Fact	63	− 1	1.5	12.8
116	77	El Data Proc	77	− 1	3.5	11.1
419	245	FI Group†	350	...	1.5	...
468	362	Hays	428	...	2.1	21.0
288	218	Hogg Robinson†	272	− 1	4.0	19.4
2029½	1112½	ISS B DW	1519¼	...	1.6	10.2
542	380	JBA Hldgs	514	...	1.8	31.8
311	256	Johnson Clean	301	+ 1	4.7	13.7
149	103	Kalamazoo†	131	− 1	4.0	...
500	351	Kewill Syst	436	...	2.3	12.9
347	78	LIMSO	92	+ 7	...	...
41	19	Laser-Scan	24	...	...	11.8
127	90	Leigh	115	...	4.4	...
652	452	Logica	637	+ 1	1.3	27.1
99	68	Lynx Hldgs†	88	− 2	2.9	14.7
92	40½	MDIS	59	...	2.5	...
557	246	MMT Comp	450	+ 2	2.0	22.2
101	66	ME Group	80	...	3.8	...
503	308	Macro 4	500	...	5.7	13.5
2718¾	1586¾	Manpower	2184¾	...	0.4	...
9	7¼	[illegible]	8¼	...	...	88.4

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
298	200	Conticlassic	264	...	4.1	15.4
18	14½	Doulton Gp	15	...	2.1	41.9
65	62	Radiant Metal	65	...	...	...
69	53	Ransomes	57	...	1.1	13.9
83	50½	Record	67	...	6.7	12.6
324	281	Renold†	289	...	2.4	13.8
36	21	Richards Group	24	...	11.7	...
89	76	Richardson West	77	...	5.9	8.9
246	187	Rolls-Royce	218	+ 1	2.9	26.0
258	171	Rotork	238	+ 1	2.8	21.6
192	169	Rubicon	178	− 2	4.3	...
1588¾	1187½	SKF 'B'	1371½	...	3.7	7.7
112	82½	Senior Eng	94½	− 3½	4.8	17.8
278	158	Scroll-Ray	242	− 2	1.5	25.1
936	750	Siebert	880	− 6	1.9	20.0

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
77¾	67	Brazilian	71¼	+ ½	2.2	...
291	259	Broadgate†	262	+ 1	2.8	41.7
132	113	BZW Conv	118	...	8.3	14.8
523	468	Candover	478	− 2	3.5	28.8
68	39	Central Euro Gwth	61	+ ¼	0.9	...
223	177	Contl Assets	218	...	1.7	...
75	62	Dunedin Inv Inc	62½	...	16.5	...
390	325	Derby Cap	343	...	...	...
160	141	Derby Inc	148	...	9.0	7.7
744	634	Dunedin Inc G	678½	+ 3½	5.1	23.7
98	80	Dunedin Japan	80½	...	...	...
372	314	Dunedin Smlr	338	...	3.3	43.4
34	16	Dunedin Wts	19½	...	...	...
885	780	Dunedin Wrldw	798	+ 2	1.5	62.4

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
31	15	Mercury Wld Wts	16	...	...	...
616	567	Monks Inv Tst	589	+ 3	2.1	44.7
170½	151	Morg Gren Inc	157	+ 1	4.0	28.5
70½	53	Morg Wts	54½	...	...	...
79½	57¾	Morg Latin Amer	69½	...	0.8	...
32	20	Morg Wts	23½	...	...	...
131	111	Murray Enter	123	...	2.5	46.5
24	17	Murray Ent Wts	17	...	...	...
95	82	Murray Eng Eco	83½	...	1.4	75.5
35½	21	Murray Eur Ec Wt	22½	+ ¼	...	...
67	54	Murray Euro	62¼	...	0.7	...
392	338	Murray Income	345	+ 1	4.8	...
429	377	Murray Intl	384½	+ ½	4.0	28.9
192	180	Murray S/C GP	192	...	...	...
151	135	Murray S/C Cap	137	...	...	...

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
93	75	City of Lond©	91	...	7.8	11.8
138	90	Cordiant	108	− 1	...	...
1781¼	1309	Daily Mail	1471¼	...	1.5	35.9
1869¾	1169¾	Daily Mail 'A'	1319¾	...	1.7	32.1
646	486	Dawson Hlds	500	...	1.9	36.0
723	630	EMAP†	685	− 4	2.0	28.0
1091	845½	Elsevier	981½	+ 13	2.4	28.4
1309	1030	Euromoney Pb	1303	...	4.2	24.9
43½	19	Flextech	38½	...	...	14.0
536	410	Flextech	474	...	...	...
251	198	GGT Group	219	...	3.4	...
259¾	174	GWR Group	208	...	1.4	10.5
250	200	Gardiner Group	209	...	2.4	15.3
37	18	Goodhead	30	...	0.4	...
278	217	Granada	267	− 8	2.8	22.4

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137	108	INVESCO Korea	109	+ 1	...	...
63½	52	INVESCO Tokyo	53¼	+ ½	...	...
95½	68½	J Fry 2nd U	68½	− ¼	12.9	...
79	68	J Fry Euro U	74	...	7.5	13.5
260	224	JF Fledg Jap	229½	...	...	...
88	74	Jupiter Ex Inc	78	+ ½	12.8	8.3
7	4	Jupiter Ex IncWt	6	...	...	...
83	70	Jupiter Gbl Cap	74	...	13.4	9.2
29	24½	Jupiter Gbl Pfd	27	...	...	...
128	108	Jupiter Intl Grn	118	...	4.0	...
282	252	Kleinwort Chtt	270	+ 1	2.5	47.7
130	110	Kleinwort E Mkt	110½	+ ½	...	...
154	133	Kleinwort End	148	...	...	...

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
207	148	Hornby Gp†	208	− 1	2.7	...
553	423	Hotelock	485	...	2.3	17.8
292	201	Jarvis Hotels†	249¼	− 2	3.2	...
31½	23½	Kunick	25¾	...	3.2	21.7
207	142	Ladbroke	187½	+ 3½	4.0	29.1
286½	212½	London Clubs▼	278	...	3.5	18.5
469	188	Mann Utd	428	...	1.4	13.9
95¼	77¾	Mandarin Orntl	89¼	+ 1¼	4.1	18.9
345	278	Millennium & Cop	305	− 1	1.9	...
142	89	Northern	126	...	4.0	14.3
146	114	Prism Leisure†	143	...	5.0	...
38	28	Queensborough	31	...	...	...
32	17¼	Queens Moat	19½	+ 2¼	...	6.1

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
130	89½	HTR Jap Smllr	102½	+ 1	...	...
16	9	I&S Eml	12	...	...	...
147	114	I&S UK Smlr	136	+ 1	2.7	31.1
148	129	Inv Cap	137	...	4.9	24.0
157	101	Intl Biotech	113	+ 1	1.1	...
70	31	Intl Wts	38	+ 1	...	...
115	95	Intl C	98	...	...	...
114	93¼	INVESCO Asia	94½	+ 1	0.8	...
65	45	INVESCO Blunt	43½	...	24.1	4.5
181	135	INVESCO Eng Int	165	...	0.8	55.7
92	75½	INVESCO Jap Dis	83½	...	0.4	...

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
85	50	Clarebo	80	...	2.5	15.5
85	55	Clubhaus	88	...	...	...
251	183	Eurocamp†	188	...	8.2	8.1
208	139	Euro Disney	157	...	...	...
183	148	Euro Leisure	166	...	...	4.6
19	13	Fastnglond	13½	...	...	...
86	49½	First Choice	80	+ 2	8.2	...
400	345	First Leisure	353	...	2.8	28.4
188	142	Friendly Hotels†	163	...	4.7	21.7
879	619	Granada†	804	+ 1	1.9	19.5
57	25	Hi-Tec Sports	40	...	...	16.1

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
50	44½	M&G Rec Geared	46½	...	11.6	...
26½	23	M&G Rec Inc	24½	...	21.9	4.5
148	133	M&G Rec Ppcge	138	...	3.9	...
94½	88½	M&G Rec Zero Div	92½	...	...	...
144	114	M Currie Eurot	137	...	0.7	...
112	88½	M Currie Japan	100½	+ ½	...	...
167	143	M Currie Pac	148½	...	0.8	...
242	222	Majedie	224	...	3.5	34.5
290	235	Merchants†	249½	+ 1	6.5	20.6
102	91	Mercury Euro Pv	99½	+ 2¼	2.4	38.4
32	22½	Mercury Eur Wt	28½	+ 1	...	...
110	92	Mercury World	96	...	1.3	72.8

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
340	325	Black (A&C)	330	...	6.3	12.9
483	238	Blenheim Gp	425	+ 33	3.1	20.5
316	248	Border TV	270	...	2.7	...
410	355	Bristol	410	...	4.3	21.9
500	376	BSkyB	497	+ 1	1.3	46.8
188	133	CIA Gp	167	+ 1	1.0	22.2
27	16¼	Caledonian Med	24½	...	...	...
734	533	Capital Radio	614	...	2.2	23.1
534	379½	Carlton Comms†	459	+ 11	2.7	15.5
558	363	Chrysalis	498	...	0.7	...

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
118	77	BWD	108	...	8.2	11.7
41	34½	Berry Brh Mid	41	...	2.4	...
345	252	Bisiac Inv	283	+ 3	...	...
205	151	Brewin Dolphin	194	...	4.9	11.9
805	700	Caledonia†	745	...	3.9	24.1
2500	1700	Canadia	2425	...	1.7	20.2
276	213	Cattles	233½	...	3.7	18.8
42	18	Christie	35	− 1	...	...
147	90	EFT Group	113	− 2	2.3	13.4
725	635	EFM	649½	...	4.9	15.6
118	85	Exco	86	...	10.1	40.4

BRITISH FUNDS

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
220[illegible]	215[illegible]	Treas 2% 1996	220[illegible]	...	0.91	5.67
103[illegible]	101[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	101[illegible]	...	9.89	5.79
101[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 7% 1997	101[illegible]	...	6.92	5.71
107[illegible]	103½	Treas 13¼% 1997	103½	− [illegible]	12.80	5.69
104[illegible]	102[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	102[illegible]	...	10.23	5.64
104[illegible]	102[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	103	...	8.50	5.84
114[illegible]	110[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	110[illegible]	...	13.54	5.90
105[illegible]	104[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	105	...	9.29	5.93
102[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	101[illegible]	...	7.14	6.15
101	99[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100[illegible]	− [illegible]	6.74	6.26
116[illegible]	112[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	112[illegible]	− [illegible]	12.40	6.31
122[illegible]	117[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	118[illegible]	− [illegible]	13.13	6.39
114[illegible]	111[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	111[illegible]	− [illegible]	10.78	6.58
108[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	105[illegible]	− [illegible]	8.94	6.65
116[illegible]	112[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	113[illegible]	− [illegible]	10.82	6.75
112[illegible]	108[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	109[illegible]	...	9.60	6.78
98[illegible]	95	Treas 6% 1999	97[illegible]	...	6.13	6.81
112[illegible]	108[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	109[illegible]	...	9.35	6.85
108[illegible]	104[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	106[illegible]	...	8.48	7.05
105[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 8% 2000	103[illegible]	...	7.76	7.17
124[illegible]	119[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	119[illegible]	...	10.85	7.14
114	108[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	110[illegible]	...	9.08	7.28
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
101[illegible]	96½	Treas 7% 2001	98[illegible]	...	7.11	7.35
114[illegible]	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	110[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.81	7.51
105[illegible]	99[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	102[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.83	7.57
117[illegible]	110[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	112[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.88	7.63
119[illegible]	114[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	115[illegible]	...	9.94	7.41
83[illegible]	78[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80[illegible]	...	4.37	6.62
114[illegible]	107[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	110[illegible]	− [illegible]	8.62	7.77
96[illegible]	91[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	93[illegible]	− [illegible]	7.21	7.78
108[illegible]	101½	Treas 8½% 2005	104[illegible]	− [illegible]	8.15	7.83
114[illegible]	108[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	110[illegible]	− [illegible]	8.62	7.83

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
131[illegible]	123[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	125[illegible]	− [illegible]	9.92	7.75
101[illegible]	94[illegible]	Treas 7½% 2006	97[illegible]	− [illegible]	7.72	7.80
103[illegible]	96[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	98[illegible]	...	7.86	7.90
104[illegible]	97½	Treas 8% 2002-06	100[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.95	7.89
125[illegible]	118[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120[illegible]	...	9.76	7.87
108[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	103[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.19	7.97
139[illegible]	130[illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	132[illegible]	...	10.16	7.75
112[illegible]	105	Treas 9% 2008	107[illegible]	...	8.37	8.00
104½	96[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	99[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.04	8.05
LONGS (over 15 years)						
88[illegible]	81¼	Treas 6¼% 2010	84[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.43	8.13
112[illegible]	104[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	107[illegible]	...	8.37	8.12
113[illegible]	104[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	107[illegible]	...	8.38	8.15
82¼	75¼	Treas 5½% 2008-12	78[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.06	7.92
102[illegible]	95[illegible]	Treas 8% 2013	98[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.15	8.18
101[illegible]	93[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.09	8.20
103[illegible]	95[illegible]	Treas 8% 2015	98[illegible]	...	8.16	8.19
111¼	102½	Treas 8¾% 2017	105	...	8.33	8.23
141[illegible]	130[illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	139[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.97	8.20
99[illegible]	95[illegible]	Tr 8% 2021	97[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.18	8.20
UNDATED						
45½	41[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	42[illegible]	...	8.27	...
32[illegible]	29[illegible]	Treas 2½%	29[illegible]	− [illegible]	8.39	...
50[illegible]	46[illegible]	Consols 4%	47[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.37	...
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
113[illegible]	111[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	113[illegible]	+ [illegible]	1.16	2.74
180[illegible]	176[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2001	180[illegible]	+ [illegible]	2.98	3.53
178[illegible]	171[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2003	175[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.24	3.66
116[illegible]	112[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	115[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.31	3.68
185[illegible]	178[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2006	184[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.41	3.70
167[illegible]	161[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2009	165[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.50	3.75
179[illegible]	168[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	176[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.56	3.77
143	136[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	140[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.60	3.79
152[illegible]	145[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	149[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.64	3.82
146	138[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	142[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.68	3.84
122	115[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2024	118	+ [illegible]	3.68	3.82
120[illegible]	113[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	116[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.68	3.82

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
58	18	Abacus Recruit	48	...	...	...
213	95	Cafe Inns	180	...	1.9	23.2
86	58	Country Gdns	85	...	2.0	18.4
1700	980	Dawson Hldgs	1690	− 20	2.5	[illegible]
108	45	Fircroft	65	− 2	...	[illegible]
37½	14	Freepages	34	+ ½	...	[illegible]
117	92	Magnum	94	...	...	[illegible]
475	45	Memory Corp	54	− 1	...	[illegible]
147	85¾	Old English Pubs▲	116	...	1.1	[illegible]
445	380	Pet City	383	...	...	[illegible]
595	324	Southern News	530	...	3.6	[illegible]
68	50	Southern Vectis	68	...	...	[illegible]
315	122	Surrey Fr Inns	300	...	1.8	[illegible]
75	45	Tonquin	73	+ 1	...	[illegible]

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AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01895 259 783				
Grofund Amer	204 10	216 00	- 0 70	0 15
Grofund Equity	267 00	284 00	- 1 70	1 93
Grofund Euro	262 70	277 90	- 3 40	0 59
Grofund Fxd Int	129 90	134 50		2 62
Grofund Gilt	77 43	80 05	- 0 03	6 71
Grofund Japan	177 20	187 50	+ 1 30	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
Growth Acc	636 40	679 20	+ 2 40	2 58
General Inc	542 30	577 00	- 2 00	2 58
UK Growth Acc	433 80	461 30	+ 1 50	2 78
UK Growth Inc	284 70	302 90	+ 1 00	2 78
Higher Inc Acc	770 70	819 90	- 4 60	4 27
Higher Inc Inc	420 40	447 30	+ 2 50	4 27
Gilts Fxd Int Acc	209 20	221 00	- 0 40	5 59
Gilts Fxd Int Inc	92 91	98 20	- 0 19	5 59
Nth America	348 00	370 30	- 0 20	
Europe	350 90	373 30	+ 3 70	0 43
Intl Growth	87 13	92 70	+ 1 49	2 94
Brit Frndly Acc	111 70	118 20	+ 0 20	4 98
Brit Frndly Inc	76 18	81 05	+ 0 15	4 88
Global Opps	100 90	107 40	- 0 50	0 14
Balanced Acc	61 42	65 35	- 0 20	2 73
Balanced Inc	58 11	61 82	+ 0 19	2 73
Japan Acc	46 96	49 98	+ 0 23	
Pac Basin Acc	390 00	414 90	+ 2 80	0 92
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilt & Fixed Int	125 30	137 30†		7 11
High Inc Equity	176 60	188 90†	- 0 60	4 56
Worldwide Bond	228 70	306 20	- 1 90	4 80
American Growth	249 70	274 00	- 0 70	0 33
Asian Pacific	317 00	339 00	- 0 10	0 04
Assets & Earnings	290 50	310 70	- 0 60	2 90
Euro Capital Acc	178 30	190 70	+ 1 80	0 83
Extra Inc	42 23	45 10†	+ 0 05	7 78
General	266 70	293 70	+ 0 60	3 09
Global Opps	66 59	70 84	+ 0 15	0 56
Japan	123 30	131 90	+ 0 70	
Managed Inc	47 34	50 36†	+ 0 14	4 77
Marketrust	163 40	174 80	- 0 40	1 05
US Emerging Cos	195 50	209 00	- 2 10	
Ethical	78 42	83 44†	0 02	2 55
International	135 40	144 00	+ 0 70	0 30
Dividend & Growth	65 68	69 87†	- 0 20	4 39
Global Gwth & Sec	73 08	78 02	- 0 04	2 34
Latin America	62 81	66 82	+ 0 93	
Capital Reserve	144 80	144 80		4 83
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	97 99	104 50†	+ 0 19	2 45
American Portfolio	116 18	123 42	+ 0 36	0 92
European Portfolio	130 46	138 69	+ 0 69	0 64
Fxd Income	51 50	51 62	0 04	7 36
Japanese Portfolio	69 84	74 20†	+ 0 29	
Pacific Portfolio	148 80	160 00	+ 0 43	1 47
UK Equity	94 06	100 49	+ 0 18	3 17
UK Equity & Bd	56 18	59 54	+ 0 17	6 42
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0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	732 23	743 29		4 43
Fxd Int Sec	154 61	155 23		9 21
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0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	717 44	729 28		4 57
Investment Acc	837 69	833 19		
Fixed Int Inc	124 56	125 46		9 25
Fixed Int Acc	222 58	223 48		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	88 40	93 41	- 0 23	3 07
Beck Bio-Tech	39 33	41 74†		
Acorn Ethical Tst	175 84	184 65†		0 46
City Fin Assets	77 36	81 13		1 61
City Fin America	104 89	110 14	+ 0 16	
City Fin Intl	87 81	92 21	+ 0 17	0 47
City Fin Japan	153 05	160 72	- 2 27	
Fruits Hse Cap	306 36	325 91†		3 02
Frmt Hse Inc	194 66	207 30		3 64
Buckley Wrld Gth	138 45	146 76	- 2 92	
J Sel Inc/Gth Inc	53 47	56 15†		3 42
Share Builder	54 82	57 89	- 0 21	6 79
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin. 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	56 42	59 86	- 0 09	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	74 12	78 85	- 0 04	
Dragon Growth	69 22	74 03	+ 0 43	0 45
Equity High Inc	86 69	92 86	+ 0 44	4 37
-do- Accum	123 34	132 12	+ 0 63	4 37
Extra Income Inc	26 07	27 44†	+ 0 01	7 63
Extra Income Acc	28 27	29 75	+ 0 01	7 63
European Gwth	61 46	65 21	+ 0 78	0 97
Evergreen	31 72	33 92	+ 0 16	
General Equity	98 39	104 39	+ 0 45	3 18
Japan Growth	51 89	55 20	- 0 10	
Pedigree Gwth	61 38	65 29	+ 0 14	2 47
Ped Sm Cos Inc	37 63	40 03	- 0 04	1 48
-do- Accum	39 87	42 41	- 0 04	1 48

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Sector Value Inc #	96 97	102 50	+ 0 50	3 94
Sector Value Gwth	97 95	103 50	+ 0 50	2 28
Hy 5 Europe	97 87	102 70	+ 1 30	2 90
Sister Gwth	150 20	158 50	+ 1 30	0 82
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	183 40	195 10	- 2 10	
Income #	203 58	216 57†	+ 0 94	4 46
UK Growth	81 63	86 84†	+ 0 04	1 97
Intl Growth	89 62	95 33†	+ 0 38	0 45
Ecology	99 77	106 13	- 0 07	1 01
European	195 64	208 12†	+ 0 73	
Far Eastern	307 50	327 10	+ 1 40	
UK Special Sits	46 59	49 70	+ 0 12	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
N Amer Growth	127 43	135 48	+ 0 65	0 82
Special Sits Growth	26 27	27 94	+ 0 09	2 04
UK Growth	438 02	465 98	- 1 42	2 68
-do- Accum	594 35	632 28	+ 1 92	2 68
NW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd •	1545 60	1468 20		2 90
Income #	1006 10	1021 70†		4 00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	160 20	164 10†		3 69

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Income Trusts				
Bond Income	99 80	103 20†	- 0 30	7 36
Gilt Yield	117 90	124 30†	+ 0 10	6 61
Global Income	228 80	243 40	+ 2 50	3 65
High Yield	147 30	156 78†	+ 1 40	5 72
-do- Accum	479 90	510 50†	+ 5 00	5 72
Smllr Cos Div	61 45	65 37	+ 1 80	3 29
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	144 30	153 50	+ 0 70	
Asian Growth	339 60	349 60	+ 5 70	0 24
-do- Accum	386 20	410 90	+ 6 80	0 24
North American	102 60	109 50	+ 0 46	0 24
European Special	123 70	131 60†	+ 1 70	1 26

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inv Ptolo	171 40	176 70†	+ 0 70	2 61
-do- Accum	203 40	209 70†	+ 0 70	2 61
UK Sel Ptolo	149 90	154 10†	+ 0 30	2 60
-do- Accum	180 10	185 70†	+ 0 40	2 60
UK 100 Cos	109 80	109 80	+ 0 30	2 94
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed 1st	73 82	78 54		3 68
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	79 02	83 88	+ 0 31	3 79
European	103 70	110 10	+ 1 10	0 63

■ FILM 1

Convincing fantasy for adults and kids alike, in the big screen adaptation of *James and the Giant Peach*

■ FILM 2

. . . but a new lease of life for the world's most famous dolphin looks pretty limp in *Flipper*

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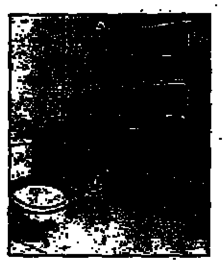
■ FILM 3

The Barbican offers a fascinating trawl through the vaults of Hammer Films, home to Dracula and Frankenstein



■ FILM 4

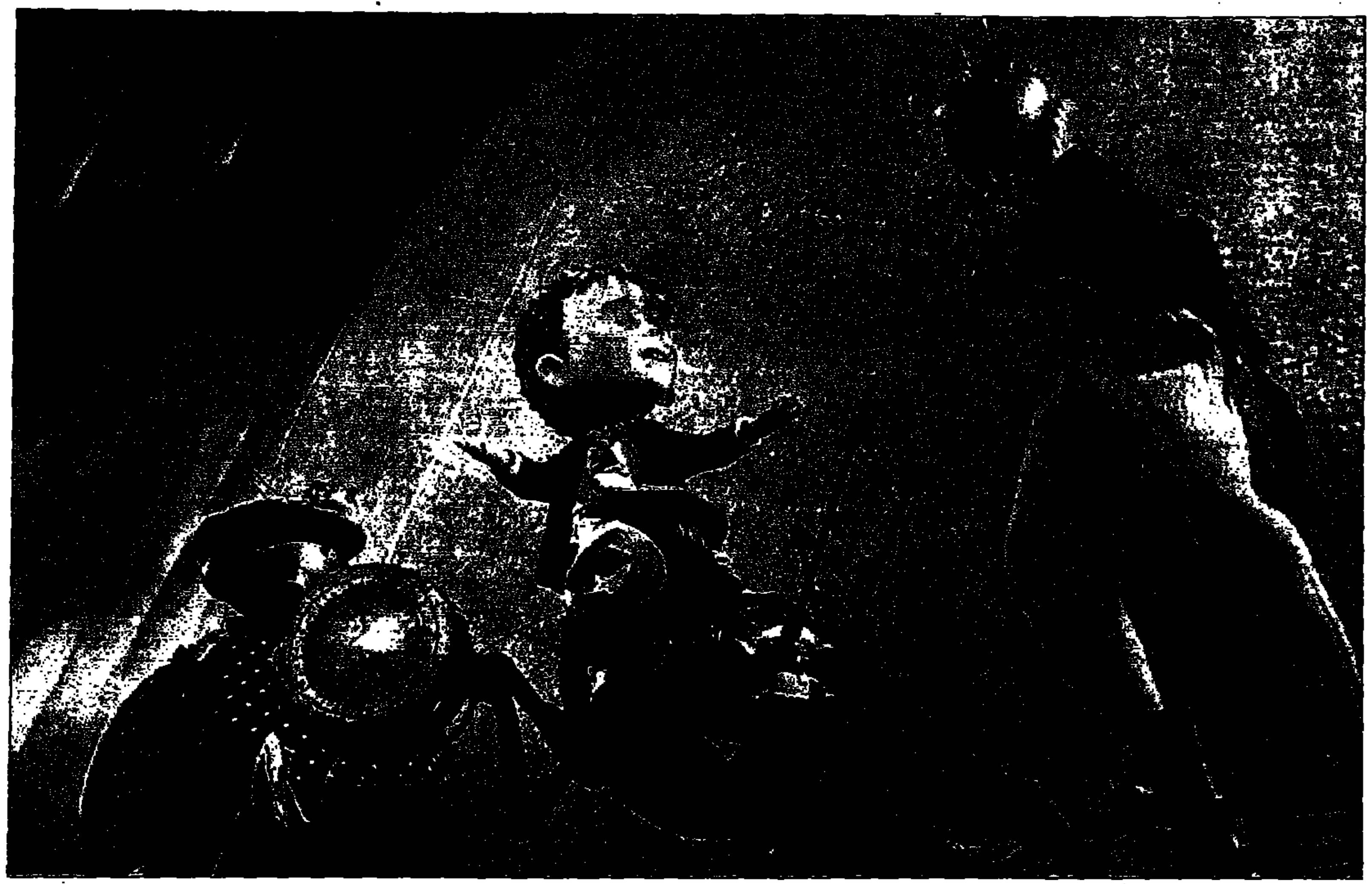
The re-release of the Coen brothers' first feature, *Blood Simple*, puts newer independents to shame

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** finds that sour-sweet Dahl is more to his taste than drippy eco-drama

Unreal dolphin, surreal fruit

How do you like your family entertainment, bland or tasty? This week you have a choice. In *Flipper* an animatronic dolphin does everything but wink as it helps a teenager to realise that there is more to life than sulking behind dark glasses. In *James and the Giant Peach*, based on Roald Dahl's first book for children, a mistreated orphan escapes from his nasty and greedy aunts by venturing inside a giant peach and journeying to the New World with the insects embedded within. One film limps along with staid adventures seen many times before, the other serves up surreal fantasy dazzling enough to lure adults as well as children. No prizes for guessing which is which.

James and the Giant Peach was put into production by director Henry Selick and co-producers Tim Burton and Denise Di Novi, the team responsible for *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. There are live-action scenes at the front and the rear, while the large chunk in the middle uses stop-motion puppet animation with exceptional finesse. But where *Nightmare* insisted too loudly on the ghoulish nightmare dreamt up by Tim Burton, Selick transfers Dahl's imaginings from page to screen with an agreeable, nonchalant flourish.



James and the Giant Peach: Roald Dahl's story has now been turned into a "surreal fantasy dazzling enough to lure adults as well as children"

The live-action introduction lures us into an unpredictable, highly stylised world ringed about with menace and vaguely set in the 1940s. After a rampaging rhino gobbles his parents, happy child James (a lively Paul Terry) is packed off to live with two rapacious aunts (scenery-chewing Miriam Margolyes and Joanna Lumley). Salvation arrives with a magic bag of crocodile tongues that brings a dead peach tree to life. Once James crawls into the outsize fruit, animation takes over: how else could you dress a grasshopper in a monocle, morning coat and cane, or depict a peach being carried across the Atlantic by a flock of seagulls?

Dahl's book has no strong dramatic line: it jumps from curious event to event like any story improvised night after night at a child's bedside. Selick's cohorts had problems manufacturing a workable script — an early treatment by Dennis Potter was rejected for straying too far from the source. But the peach's inhabitants provide a jolly vaudeville show, and invented episodes such as the battle with a shipful of skeleton pirates add welcome punch and variety.

Among the voices, David Thewlis's distinctively lugubrious tones make a perfect fit for the pessimistic Glowworm, and Richard Dreyfuss's bumptious squawk suits the wisecracking Centipede, cigar permanently clamped between his teeth. Who, though, would recognise Susan Sarandon as the voice of the Spider, whose birthplace seems to be deepest Russia?

Along the way there are songs by Randy Newman, unmemorable melodically but used to bolster the story and to underline the gentle points being made about the need for love and accepting each other. Despite some softening of Dahl's macabre wit — the film, after all, is a Disney presentation — readers who have taken the book to their hearts should not be disappointed. Those who have not will be able to revel in the technical dexterity and the delight of voyaging where no film has gone before.

Now, who is this? He washes dishes by swishing them around in the shower with his foot. He prises open a coconut with two thrusts from two fingers. To toast bread, he flings slices at hooks attached to the wall, then brings out the blowtorch.

He is not the title character in **Flipper**, the dolphin which some may recall from the Hollywood films and television series produced 30 years ago by Ivan Tors. Nor is he Elijah Wood, the sullen city teenager who unbends through exposure to nature's marvels in the islands off Key West. No: the answer is *Crocodile Dundee* star Paul Hogan, cast as the uncle who gives his 14-year-old charge the summer holiday of a lifetime, and the only participant to add salt and pepper to a family movie that may keep children quietly occupied but is painfully low in flavour.

In reviving a property from the 1960s, Alan Shapiro, the film's writer and director, has paid some attention to modern times. Out goes childhood innocence, in come teenage attitude, separated parents and lurid T-shirts. Ecological issues raise their heads too. Before, Flipper wiggled his fins at escaped convicts, ignorant fishermen and others unmoved by his charms. Now the enemy is toxic waste, dumped in the sea by a hissable chap who starts off a particularly lame plot by aiming his guns and rendering Flipper an orphan.

Hogan's quirky presence aside, none of the contemporary elements help this new Flipper to leap into life. Certainly not Elijah Wood. After earning a reputation as one of Hollywood's most sensitive child actors, he has now hit the rocks of adolescence. The eyes are hidden behind sunglasses. He scarcely smiles. He seems at a loss: too old to pat a dolphin without embarrassment, too young and tidy to act the teenage rebel.

Flipper himself makes his comeback with all the benefits of modern technology. If the script demands exploits beyond the skills of trained mammals, an animatronic stand-in is switched on to fight with a shark, beam with delight or otherwise act cute. Technically *Flipper* glides along nicely with accomplished undersea camerawork from Bill Butler, who photographed *Jaws*. But the poverty of its imagination is depressing.

With good new releases thin on the ground during the summer, this is the time that distributors bring out their revivals. In terms of quality, Jean Renoir's **La Règle du jeu**, 57 years old, outshines any film currently playing: indeed, this portrait of life and loves upstairs and downstairs at a French country house is one of cinema's masterpieces.

And the current crop of American independents begin to look puny placed next to **Blood Simple**, the Coen brothers' first feature, now 13 years old, a self-conscious child of the *film noir* thrillers of the 1940s mounted with cold-blooded verve.

But the most fascinating excursion into the past is the Barbican's month-long trawl through the vaults of **Hammer Films**, famous home to Dracula, Frankenstein, zombies and stranglers of Bombay. The horrors depicted may seem tame next to the gore overflowing from modern movies, but in the 1950s the prim British Establishment threw up its hands at the pickled organs in Frankenstein's laboratory, or fangs drawing blood from a damsel's neck in lurid Eastman Colour.

Audiences thought differently. They were tired of enduring piffling Rank comedies or watching Jack Hawkins fight the Second World War in films coloured battleship grey. *The Curse of Frankenstein* and its many successors gave British cinema just the kick in the pants it needed. It took longer for critics to come round, but by the 1970s thoughtful types were finding hidden treasure and belatedly placing laurels on the head of director Terence Fisher.

Apart from the delight of seeing Fisher's *Dracula* and *The Curse of Frankenstein* again, the season usefully reminds us that Hammer was never just the house of horror. They filmed humble spin-offs from radio shows such as *Life With the Lyons* and *The Adventures of P.C. 49*. With the *Quatermass* movies they made some of the best British sci-fi of the 1950s. They made terse, location-based crime dramas such as *Hell is a City* (the city is Manchester, which duly complained). Raquel Welch stripped down to her fur bikini in *One Million Years BC*. And there were adorable follies such as *The Lost Continent* and *Slave Girls* — two films directed by Michael Carreras that no lover of bad movies should ignore. With the demise of many repertory cinemas in Britain, there are scant chances now to see such material where it belongs, on the big screen. But at the Barbican, this summer, the chance arrives.

James and the Giant Peach
Odeon West End, U, 79 mins
Excellent version of Roald Dahl's book

Flipper
Plaza, PG, 95 mins
The Sixties dolphin returns but does not make waves

La Règle du Jeu
Riverside Studios, PG, 110 mins
Jean Renoir's masterpiece revived

Blood Simple
Virgin Haymarket, 18, 99 mins
The Coen brothers' first film

Hammer at the Barbican
Barbican Cinema
Month-long trawl through the Hammer vaults

A motive in the making

RADIO: **Peter Barnard** finds a postponed play about murder in the family compelling listening

The media is extremely sensitive to the relationship between real and fictional events. By way of proof, an outstanding play turned up on Radio 4 this week, four months late.

The Monday Play slot consistently produces quality drama, and this month it has lengthened its title to take in *Five in July*, meaning a season of five contemporary works. This week's play was **Five Kinds of Silence**.

It should have gone out in March, but was withdrawn from the schedules because of the Dunblane massacre. There was no connection between the play and Dunblane, except that both involved murder, and the BBC was oversensitive to withdraw it. But I suppose the Corporation has enough critics without offering them further ammunition.

Shelagh Stevenson's play was superbly constructed. Often the use of narration, flashback, extracts from letters and the like leads to terrible confusion for the listener. No such traps here, thanks to the skill of the writing and Jeremy Mortimer's excellent direction.

The play marked a welcome radio appearance by Tom Courtenay as Billy, the father murdered by his two daughters. The dramatic tension was in the examination of motives, the slow unravelling through flashback of Billy's iron rule and his own tortured childhood.

By the end there was a strong sense that Billy's murder had released him as much as it released his family, for here was a portrait of a man who had become a prisoner of his own emotional history.

Radio 3 is, of course, mainly occupied with the **BBC Proms** at present. These used to be called the Henry Wood Promenade Concerts, but the BBC's finely-honed promotional instincts have brought an end to that.

This week the Corporation has also been running a related series of 20-minute programmes called **Lost in London**, about concert halls which have disappeared from the capital.

Andrew Green's informative series provides a salutary lesson on what can happen when we become complacent about musical venues. I was especially struck by Tuesday's instalment concerning Vauxhall Gardens, a popular venue in the 18th century.

Finally, brief mention of something yet to come: a Radio 4 series called **The Sunday Format** starts tomorrow. It is a wickedly funny send-up of the lengths to which Sunday newspapers go to fill endless supplements. I particularly like "Measured Opinion, the page where we ask people of roughly the same height for their thoughts about a different issue each week".

'I'd even go and see it with my mates'

Every week young film fans discuss the latest releases . . .

SNAP VERDICT

JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

Matt Jones, 22: This is superb family entertainment, produced with great flair and panache. It's quite wonderful to look at, and the star names who do the voices complement Dahl's characters marvellously. I would recommend just about anybody to go and see it.

Rachel Jones, 19: This is visually stunning and more accessible than *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. I thought it was clever, witty and inventive and, except for one weak song early on, it's almost perfect family fare.

Ben Wright, 21: This was excellent, and I'd even go and see it with my mates. I was always a big fan of Roald Dahl and here at last is an adaptation that does his work justice.

Naomi Smith, 20: I loved this, and I will definitely be going to see it again and again and again. In fact, I didn't particularly like the music, but that still wasn't enough to put me off.

FLIPPER

Matt: The sentiment is laid on thicker than Barbara Cartland's foundation cream. Considering that it is so mind-blowingly formulaic and daft, you ultimately feel somewhat ashamed for getting so emotionally caught up in all this tosh.

Rachel: This is typical American goodies-versus-baddies stuff, but not the spectacular mess one would expect. It should go down well with kids, although it never looks remotely likely to win any awards for quality.

Ben: Awful, awful, awful. This was just really cheesy and standard American pap. Maybe children will like this, but then they should be seeing a class act like *James and the Giant Peach*.

Naomi: Not as bad as I expected, but I would have liked to compare it to the TV series. As far as slushy animal films go this was better than average.

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■ CHOICE 1

Rozhdestvensky opens a Bruckner celebration at the Proms

VENUE: Tonight at the Albert Hall

■ CHOICE 2

Veteran rhythm and blues from Alan Price at the Hull Festival

VENUE: Tonight at Princes Quay Shopping Centre

THE TIMES ARTS

■ CHOICE 3

An evening of jazz with Humphrey Lyttelton and his Band

VENUE: Tonight at the Royal Hall, Harrogate

■ VIDEOS

Claude Chabrol's best film in years, the Ruth Rendell adaptation *La Ceremonie*, is released on video

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

BBC PROMS 96 Bruckner's expansive Second Symphony opens the Proms celebration of the composer's centenary. Gennady Rozhdestvensky conducts the **BBC Symphony Orchestra** in this and his own suite, *Dead Souls*, drawn from film music by Alfred Schnittke. Rozhdestvensky's wife the pianist Victoria Postnikova, joins the orchestra for Stravinsky's *Capriccio for Piano and Orchestra*
Albert Hall Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm

OFF THE HOOK The actors and directors of the Royal Shakespeare Company continue to be let "Off the Hook" to devise a series of innovative platform events. This evening's programme includes Samuel Beckett's *That Time* (7pm), *See Base of Can* (7.30pm) directed by Andrew Maclean, and David McCreight's *A Play About a Chair* (8.30pm). Until Saturday.
Young Vic Studio, 66 The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Tonight. ♿

THE RED BALLOON: Anthony Clark's skilful and enchanting stage version of the classic 1950s French film. Already seen in Manchester, Bristol and Birmingham, it now comes floating into London. Ruari Murchison creates a lovely set
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Opens today, 2.15pm. Then in rep with *A Little Night Music*; performances at 10.30am, 2.15pm ♿

ELSEWHERE

BRIGHTON Travelling Opera begins a three-day residency at the Theatre Royal with an inventive version of Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* by the company's artistic director Peter Knapp. A fast-moving and funny production of Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* follows tomorrow, with *Così fan tutte* on Saturday. Sung in English.
Theatre Royal New Road (01273 328 488). Today-Sat, all performances are at 7.30pm.

HARROGATE The day begins with an invigorating solo recital by the pianist **Steven Osborne** (Old Swan Hotel, 11am), with music ranging from Beethoven, through Liszt to Messiaen. At 7.30pm in the Royal Hall, an evening of world-class jazz is promised in the company of the charismatic **Humphrey Lyttelton** and his Band
Festival box office (01423 565 757)

HULL Jazz on the Waterfront, the fourth annual Hull International Jazz Festival, offers veteran rhythm and blues from **Alan Price** and his Electric Blues Company featuring Bobby Tench and Zoot Money (Princes Quay Shopping Centre, 8pm). Appearing at the same time, over in the Dee Street Club (off Hessle Road), is the American guitar legend **Randy Johnston** with Britain's own **Adrian Ingram**
Festival box office (01482 226 655).

TAVISTOCK: The **Exon Singers** offer a secular programme of folk songs, part songs and songs from popular shows, accompanied by the Salisbury Brass Ensemble. Andrew Carwood conducts
The Wharf Tavistock, Devon (01822 611 166). Tonight, 7.30pm

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican Eve Arnold: In Retrospect (0171-638 4141). **Brunei Gallery** Ottoman Art (0171-637 2388) **Courtauld** The Four Elements (0171-873 2526) **Curwen Gallery** Yuji Oki: Recent Paintings (0171-636 1459) **Design Museum** Treasures of Faberge (0171-378 6055) **Goethe Institut** Georg Baselitz: Engravings, Woodcuts and Linocuts 1965-1992 (0171-411 3400) **Leighton House** The Leighton Open: The Kensington and Chelsea Artists' Exhibition (0171-602 3316) **Museum of London** Whitefriars Glass: the Art of James Powell & Sons of London (0171-600 0807) **National Portrait Gallery** Family Albums (0171-306 0055) **Royal Academy** 228th Summer Exhibition (0171-439 7438) **Tate**: Hans Hartung (0171-887 8000)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **THE ASPERN PAPERS**: Michael Redgrave's slightly old-fashioned version of the Henry James tale of literary skulduggery. With Hannah Gordon, Daniel J. Travanti, Moira Lister
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Mon-Fri, 8pm Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm Sat 5pm

◩ **BIRDY** William Wharton's best-selling novel where a schizophrenic longs for freedom, oddly filmed but now adapted for the stage by Naomi Wallace. Kevin Knight directs Tam Williams and Adam Garcia.
Lyric Studio King Street, Hammersmith W6 (0181-741 2311) Mon-Sat, 8pm mat Sat, 4.30pm. Until August 17

◩ **BY JEEVES** Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse heroes: first attempted 20 years ago, now entirely revised
Duke of York's St Martin's Lane, W1 (0171-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. ♿

◩ **THE DEVIL IS AN ASS**: Ben Jonson's adventures of a junior devil in a sleazy London he soon finds to be far worse than Hell. An energetic but hollow production
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. In rep

☐ **ELVIS** Spirited revival of the 20-year-old tribute show. P.J. Proby plays the Vegas Elvis and Tim Whitnall plays the Pelvis in his prime. Positively no emphasis on the late-night gorging on peanut butter and jello torpedoes
Prince of Wales Coventry Street W1 (0171-839 5972) Mon-Thurs 8pm. Fri and Sat, 5.30 and 8.30pm

■ **HEDDA GABLER** A chance for London to see Alexandra Gilbreath's acclaimed performance in Stephen Unwin's production for English Touring Theatre
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street WC2 (0171-369 1732). Opens today, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat 4pm. Until Aug 31

☐ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND** Peter Hall's acclaimed Haymarket production, with Diane Fletcher, David Rintoul, Nicky Henson, Kim Thomson, Googie Withers and John McCallum
Old Vic Waterloo Rd, SE1 (0171-928 7616) Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 3pm

◩ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS** Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with David Ross as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Estelle Kohler as the pillars of society
Garrick Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed 2.30pm Sat 5pm

■ **THE MEMORY OF WATER** Terry Johnson directs play by new author Shelagh Stephenson, set among the squabbles that follow a mother's funeral, though she still appears in the play. Cast includes Mary Jo Randle and Haydn Gwynne
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301) Mon-Sat 8pm; mat Sat 4pm

☐ **NORTHANGER ABBEY** Sarah Jane Holm plays Jane Austen's young fan of the Gothic shock-horror romance. Matthew Francis directs a pleasing adaptation
Greenwich Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until August 17 ♿

☐ **PASSION**: An unconvincing musical from Sondheim, but Maria Friedman remarkably good as a voracious man-hunter who gets her man. With Michael Ball and Helen Hobson
Queen's Shaftesbury Avenue W1 (0171-494 5590) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat 3pm

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers** Phoenix (0171-369 1733) ◩ **Buddy** Strand (0171-930 8800) ◩ **Cats** New London (0171-405 0072) ◩ **Grease** Dominion (0171-416 6060). ☐ **Jolson** Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) ■ **Les Misérables** Palace (0171-434 0909) ☐ **The Mousetrap** St Martin's (0171-836 1443). ☐ **Oliver!** Palladium (0171-494 5020) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera** Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ☐ **Starlight Express** Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) ◩ **Sunset Boulevard** Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ☐ **The Woman in Black** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

DENISE CALLS UP (15) *Lightweight*, appealing lifestyle comedy from new American director Hal Salwen. With Alanna Ubach and Aida Turturro
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

THE GODFATHER PART II (18) Majestic sequel to Coppola's Mafia epic first released in 1974. With Al Pacino and Robert De Niro
Lumiere (0171-836 0691)

◆ **RAINBOW** (PG) Perils of voyaging over the rainbow. Oddball fantasy with an ecological twist from director-star Bob Hoskins. With Jacob Tierney
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01426 914 098) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **TWISTER** (PG) Cardboard characters chase tornadoes. Great special effects, but repetition softens the impact. With Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton. Director Jan De Bont
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Barbican** ♿ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Empire** (0990 888 990) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ♿ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** ♿ (0990 888990) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

CURRENT

BEAUTIFUL THING (15) Gay sex blooms in a London estate. Warm-hearted film of Jonathan Harvey's play. With Glen Berry and Scott Neal
ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279) **Odeon Mezzanine** ♿ (01426 915683) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

◆ **THE CABLE GUY** (12) Obnoxious comedy with Jim Carrey as a pathological cable television technician. With Matthew Broderick
MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888 990) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

THE GODFATHER (18) Part one of Francis Ford Coppola's 1972 classic, a thrilling portrait of a Mafia family. With Marlon Brando and Al Pacino
Renoir (0171-837 8402)

◆ **THE JUROR** (18) Few genuine thrills as Alec Baldwin's Mafia henchman leans on Demi Moore's juror
Prince Charles (0171-437 8181)

◆ **MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE** (PG) Rousing set-pieces dwarf the stars, even *Tom Cruise's special agent, in this* enjoyable revival of the television series
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Empire** (0990 888 990) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Plaza** ♿ (0990 888 990) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888 990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

◆ **MOONLIGHT AND VALENTINO** (15) Widow finds comfort with family, friends and a blond house painter. Decent romantic drama, with Elizabeth Perkins, Kathleen Turner, Jon Bon Jovi
Warner ♿ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE ROCK** (18) *Belligerent action* movie set on Alcatraz, with Nicolas Cage, Sean Connery and Ed Harris
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888 990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

◆ **UP CLOSE & PERSONAL** (15) Love and clichés in a television newsroom. Romantic drama with Michelle Pfeiffer and Robert Redford
Empire ♿ (0990 888 990) **Odeon Mezzanine** ♿ (01426 915683)

Jack in to a neuromantic hero

NEW ON VIDEO

Brain drain: Keanu Reeves downloads his brain in Robert Longo's futuristic cyberfolly. *Johnny Mnemonic*

JOHNNY MNEMONIC
Fox Guild, 15, 1995
THE Yakuza, poor fellows, want the contents of Keanu Reeves's head. Reeves resists, though he could implode if he does not download the 320 Gbytes of data planted inside. Laughing at this futuristic folly is the viewer's best path to entertainment. Reeves shows no emotion; the script, inspired by cyberpunk author William Gibson, is dreadful; and the director, American conceptual artist Robert Longo, appears too in love with the visual design to give his actors guidance. Available to rent.

LA CEREMONIE
Tartan, 15, 1995
VETERAN French director Claude Chabrol's best film in years: a darkly comic version of Ruth Rendell's *A Judgement in Stone*, updated and transferred to a windswept Brittany. Sandrine Bonnaire is the secretive housemaid whose position as the perfect help is undermined when she makes friends with the insolent village postmistress (Isabelle Huppert). Chabrol delights in the drama's class distinctions, though he is careful not to categorise any side as villain or victim; his even-handed approach makes the violent climax all the more shocking. With Jacqueline Bisset and Jean-Pierre Cassel.

■ KASPAR HAUSER
Arrow, 18, 1993
WERNER HERZOG told Kaspar's bizarre story in his 1974 classic *The Enigma of Kaspar Hauser*. Peter Sehr's film plods by comparison, though the historical detail is fascinating, and we soon get pulled into the power games played by princes and dukes over this rumoured heir to the Baden throne, used as a pawn in 19th-century German politics. André Eisermann gives an effective performance as the youth found catatonic in a Nuremberg square.

■ RENDEZVOUS IN PARIS
Artificial Eye, 15, 1995
THREE tales of love and chance from France's veteran chronicler of young love, Eric Rohmer, with natural performances from a cast of unknowns. The last segment, a hesitation waltz between a painter, a Swedish visitor and a woman encountered at the Picasso museum, is especially delicious. There are greater Rohmer films, but few other directors working now show such sensitivity to people and places, and such pleasant obliviousness to fashion.

■ WAITING TO EXHALE
Fox Guild, 15, 1995
POPULIST comedy-drama about black women whose lives are devoted to talking about sex, having it and visiting the beauty parlour. The film, based on Terry McMillan's novel, no doubt began with higher ambitions than magazine fiction to be read under the hair dryer but its development is so bald and the colours so glossy that magazine fiction is the result. Actor Forest Whitaker directed, though the names that matter are Angela Bassett (giving the only meaty performancer) and Whitney Houston. Available to rent.

GEOFF BROWN

NEW CLASSICAL CDs: Poulenc on parade; maturing Canadian tenor; echoes in the chamber

ORCHESTRAL

Barry Millington

■ POULENC
Concerto for Two Pianos; Aubade: Sinfonietta
Pommier/Queffélec/City of London Sinfonia/Hickox
Virgin 5 45028 2★★
THE tendency of Poulenc's music to advance in two-bar phrases created difficulties for the composer in developing large-scale, organic structures. It was a problem he never entirely solved, but in the delightful Aubade of 1929 for piano and 18 instruments *he managed to obviate it by* providing a programme that could be acted out by dancers. The programme, concerning the goddess Diana and her raging, forbidden love, allows Poulenc to put some of his most winning melodies and bittersweet harmonies to effective use, while discontinuities and sudden changes of direction can be made to serve an illustrative purpose.

Jean Bernard Pommier delivers the solo part with an aptly glassy brilliance, as he does the slightly later Concerto for Two Pianos, where he is *partnered by an equally fleet* Anne Queffélec.

The final work on this attractive disc is the Sinfonietta, a brazen rip-off of the composer's own Organ Concerto from a few years before. But never mind: in its cheeky good humour and undertow of melancholy it can scarcely fail to give pleasure, especially in a performance as sympathetic as this one by the City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox.

OPERA

John Higgins

■ RICHARD MARGISON
French & Italian Arias
Canadian Opera Orchestra/Bradshaw
CBC Records SMCD 5158★★
ON THIS evidence, the Canadian tenor, Richard Margison, has made great vocal advances since his London debut with the ENO in *Ballo* in 1989, although on that occasion he was not helped by the production. There is now *an old-fashioned Italian ring* to the sound in the style of del Monaco, with the notes punched out fiercely from the chest.

It is the voice for a Manrico or the Pollione of Bellini's *Norma*. The choicest items on this disc from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation are those which allow the tenor to show off his strength and declamatory powers. Giordano provided the wherewithal in *Andrea Chenier* and Cilea more sporadically in *Adriana Lecouvreur*. With these composers Margison is on home territory.

When lyricism is required, he becomes less happy. Faust's *Dai campi* from Boito's *Mefistofele* needs more silk and so does Massenet's Werther, although both are roles he has sung on stage. The singing becomes less relentless and possibly this is why CBC have broken up a recital with a handful of orchestral pieces. The Canadian Opera Players under Richard Bradshaw show up better in these than as accompanists. *CBC, too, deserve to lose* another star for a shoddy booklet in which half the pages are blank.

CHAMBER

Hilary Finch

■ SCHUBERT
Quartets D87 and D804
Quatuor Mosaïques
Astree E 8580★★★
Artis Quartet
Sony SK 66720★★★
THIS *almost simultaneous* release of two of Schubert's greatest string quartets offers an irresistible exercise in compare and contrast. The opening of the earlier E flat major Quartet D87 sees the Austrian Artis Quartet providing smoother, silkier ensemble than the Quatuor Mosaïques, more instinctive and less intense in their points of articulation and contrast. They bring an infectious *joie de vivre* to the Scherzo, too, though the Mosaïques are more searching in the Trio, and their hushed, almost *vibrato-free balance of voices in* the slow movement is uniquely revealing.

While the Artis play homage to Schubert as song composer in the D804 *Rosamunde* Quartet, it is the Mosaïques, not surprisingly, who take us straight into a *Winterreise* of dragging feet and aching heart in its first movement. Their *Rosamunde* variations are austerely melancholy, where the Artis keep the mood light and elegiac, with string barely touching bow. By omit*ting repeats, the Artis also* make room for the C minor Quartettsatz.

Each recording has its own beauty. For me, the Quatuor Mosaïques have the cutting edge, but that is entirely a matter of personal taste, and both versions are strongly recommended.

★ Worth hearing
★★ Worth considering
★★★ Worth buying

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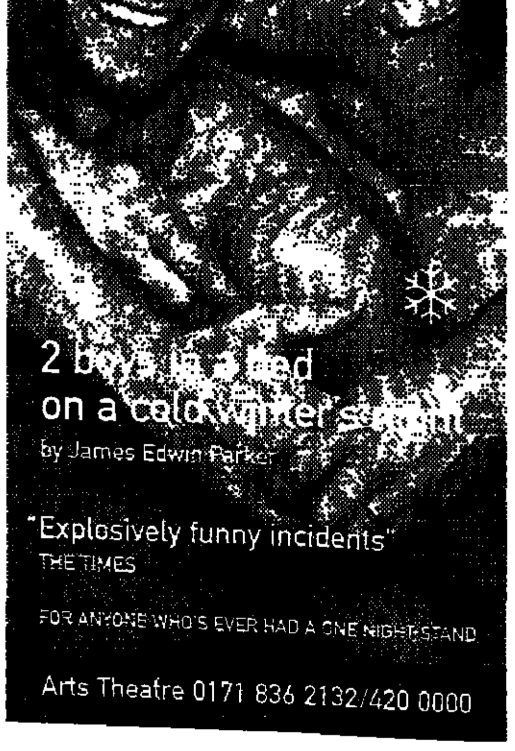
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Music director Mark Wigglesworth brings the BBC National Orchestra of Wales to the Proms

Too clever by half

NOT the best of gigs, not the worst of gigs — but somewhere in between.

That just about sums up Maria McKee's performance in front of a rather sedate crowd in the Olympia. Though the bulk of the set consisted of high-octane, riff-heavy rock, it was only when she dispensed with her electric guitar and rhythm section and opted for the piano, as she did on her cover of Queen's *I'm In Love With My Car* and her own heart-gripping ballad *Breathe*, that she really connected with the audience. Mostly though, the ex-Lone Justice frontwoman and her three-piece backing band gave a somewhat lacklustre airing of her most recent album, *Life Is Sweet*. For whatever reason, she seemed slightly out of sorts, complaining about microphone feedback and plectrums.

Maria McKee
Olympia, Dublin

Songs like *This Perfect Dress*, which she opened with, and *Absolutely Barking Stars* showcased her not inconsiderable talent as a musician, and her voice is as powerful as it is distinctive. As a songwriter, though, McKee is less convincing. When her more populist instincts get the better of her, she has already proved her ability to pen radio-friendly, multi-million selling blockbusters (none of which she played here). However, her new material steers resolutely left-of-centre but is decidedly overwrought and at times too clever for its own good.

One notable exception is the song *Life Is Sweet*, a simple and unaffected gem that oozes human sympathy and compassion from its every pore, and which provided a stirring finale to an otherwise somewhat unremarkable show.

NICK KELLY

Marcus Binney finds power and glory — and even humour — on show at Westminster Abbey

History tour by time machine

SUMMER SNAPSHOTS

First impressions count. At 9.30 on a Friday morning, I and every other visitor to Westminster Abbey received a royal welcome. The main west doors were wide open, the inner glass doors folded back and fresh air and light flooded into the nave.

There are no ticket barriers inside the entrance, only an invitation to contribute £1. You can in fact explore the nave without paying at all, but I chose the sound guide, a tape with headphones, which for £6 included admission to the Royal Chapels, and the Confessor's Shrine. It was worth every penny.

This was no dry-as-dust lecture on pointed arches, but a stirring walk through British history, with snatches of good music and resonant prose, and, of course, the gory details which tourists down the ages have always relished.

The tour begins at the grave of the Unknown Warrior, a project which caught the imagination of a war-torn world. The body of the unknown soldier was buried here in 1920 in soil brought from France in the presence of the King and four Queens, (Queen Mary, Queen Alexandra, and the Queens of Spain and Norway) with a guard of honour of a hundred VCs.

Next came the first of many touches of humour: the story of the 17th-century dean who teased Ben Jonson about a place in Poets' Corner. "Two feet by two feet is enough for me," replied the impoverished dramatist. "You shall have it," replied the dean — and Jonson was buried standing up.

The vergers at the abbey are well versed in dealing with us zombies. "You can slip past this group on the left," one whispered helpfully in my ear. A moment later, a solemn voice boomed out, announcing that every hour on the hour a priest would ascend the pulpit and invite us all to join in a brief prayer. Looking at the surging crowds, I wondered how I would find my way back to the nave in time. I need not have worried.

DES JENSON

On the abbey road: visitors queue up to visit one of the capital's most rewarding attractions, a fascinating journey through the nation's past

Every group in the abbey is getting a history lesson of their own. I listened in on a party from New England, led by a dapper grey-suited guide. This was strong republican stuff. "John and Sam Adams came from a family in Somerset that supported Cromwell against the King, Monmouth against the King. They fought the King in 1776 and supported Lincoln in 1861." He continued: "Oliver Cromwell bought a one-way ticket to Massachusetts but the King refused him permission to sail. That has to be the dumbest move in British history. He might have spent the rest of his life quietly farming."

Turning on the sound guide, the emotion and excitement of the Queen's Coronation came alive with the words of Archbishop Fisher. I was told how the transepts were filled with tier on tier of seats for spectators who had to spend many hours in the abbey. What they discreetly omitted to mention were the large number of gin bottles found afterwards under the seats, left by members of the House of Lords.

I learnt that while Henry VII had demanded a funeral free of "damnable pomp and outrageous magnificence", Cromwell had had it all, crown on head, sceptre and globe in hand, his body carried on an open coach adorned with plumes and banners. Two years later his body had been dug up by outraged Royalists, dragged to Tyburn, decapitated, and his head displayed on a spike.

Arriving at the Coronation Chair, I was not the only one wanting to see if the Stone of Scone was still in place beneath the seat. Quite what are the "elaborate precautions for its safety" made following its theft in 1950 is a mystery. Does the floor open up to swallow intruders?

On the Confessor's tomb, my eyes were directed to the recesses for the sick to kneel and ask for the saint's intercession. I learnt of the golden cross and chain, discovered by Charles Taylour, "one of the singing men", after James II's Coronation. Espying a hole in the tomb, he put his hand in, pulled out the chain and then saw the saint's head "sound and firm, the upper and the lower jaws full of teeth". James II had the old coffin enclosed in the new one clamped with iron and it has remained undisturbed to this day.

In Poets' Corner I heard why Byron's monument was so late in coming ("his damnable aristocratic flippancy"); heard Alan Bennett read from *Alice in Wonderland*, with a solo from Handel's *Messiah* providing the finale. I could have listened to it all again.

For a further charge of £2.50 I gained admission to the chapter house, the Pyx chamber and the museum. This seemed a little steep, until the two ladies in the Pyx chamber explained with great gusto how the six locks, introduced after a burglary of 1303, operated, even producing a key.

In the museum, I found the second Coronation Chair made for the joint crowning of William III and Mary II, every bit as covered in graffiti as the original.

One remarkable exhibit was the wax effigy of the Duke of Buckingham, who died in Rome at the age of 19. Wax casts were taken of his face and hands before his body was shipped to Britain. The effigy is displayed in the original glass case ordered by his mother.

To get the most out of the abbey and its numerous monuments and memorials, you need a second tour, official guidebook in hand. This will lead you to such curiosities as the tomb of Marshal Wade, famous for the Highland Roads he built after the '45 rebellion. "If you'd seen these roads before they were made/You would hold up your hands and bless Marshal Wade" runs the epitaph.

I left the abbey feeling I had had more than the Benedictine welcome promised by the dean. Rather an enthralling morning that every great building can and should provide for all its visitors.

Tomorrow: A Summer Snapshot of Blackpool Tower

Packed chamber

IN THE first of two consecutive concerts this week, the BBC National Orchestra of Wales was conducted by Mark Wigglesworth, in his first Prom appearance since becoming their music director. His programme offered one of his favoured calling-cards in Schoenberg's first Chamber Symphony, but in the second of the full-orchestra versions the composer made in 1935.

By enriching the work not just with extra instruments but with added harmonies and melodic lines, he inevitably risked making its density of texture sound congested, but it was to the conductor's credit that he exercised a masterful control in giving the work's outlines a welcome clarity of musical purpose. His players responded with a wealth of contrasting timbre that made the taut design spacious as well as eloquent.

BBC NOW/ Wigglesworth
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It was preceded by a suite from Wagner's *Die Meistersinger* that began with chunks from Act III, including a lilting Dance of the Apprentices and a resplendent Entry of the Masters, then disconcertingly reverted to the Prelude from Act I as a somewhat incongruous but stately and jubilant finale. It enabled the orchestra to display its warmth of string tone, keenly edged woodwind and opulent brass.

They were joined in the second part by Stephen Hough as a buoyant soloist in Brahms's big-scale B-flat major Piano Concerto (No 2). Brisk tempos brought the performing time to under 45 minutes, a welcome reversion to an earlier tradition in place of the monumental approach latterly favoured. It displayed, in particular, the pianist's sturdy yet poetic figuration.

Only the romantic cello solo in the Andante movement seemed unduly reticent. Otherwise the orchestral content was effectively measured to the soloist's brio, not excluding a poignant sense of reverie when desired and leading to a light-hearted but still serious-minded final rondo.

NOEL GOODWIN

THEATRE: Playful Priestley takes on the arrogance of respectability; plus a sour evening with a cracked actor

Picking the rusty wedlock

When We Are Married
Chichester

Jude Kelly's revival of J. B. Priestley's Yorkshire farce has its ups and downs, but its first night opened with a nice, pointed trick. There was a long pompous rumble from some offstage drums, and several members of the audience leapt obediently to their feet. They wore the same glazed, brainwashed look I recall on the face of the all-American guy in *The Manchurian Candidate* who had only to see a particular playing card to become a deadly assassin. They were primed to stand to attention for *God Save the Queen* — and instead they found themselves looking rather fatuous as brass joined percussion in a forthright rendering of *On Ilkley Moor Baht 'At*.

What better introduction could there be to a play that may be seen as a comic version of Priestley's *An Inspector Calls*? It, too, attacks respectability, arrogance and complacency, but in mischievous and sometimes hilarious style. It gets the likes of Dawn French's Clara Soppitt to heave herself self-importantly upright, so to speak, and then makes her look as silly as a royalist quivering to a jolly song about Yorkshire mating habits.

Clara is the most formidable of the three wives and three husbands who have come together to celebrate their silver wedding anniversaries. Her husband, Paul Copley's Herbert, cowers when she eyeballs him and, hands on massive hips, emits her trademark snarls and roars. But the other marriages have their imperfections, too. Roger Lloyd Pack's fungoid-faced Councillor Parker bullies and bores his wife, Annette Badland's Annie, and Gary Waldhorn's smooth, self-satisfied Alderman Helliwell is pretty offhand to his better half, Alison Steadman's Maria.

At first you think that conventional married angst will prevail until these people's golden jubilees and beyond. Everything seems awesomely permanent and solid, from the Helliwells' plush gold-and-maroon drawing room to dresses that make the ladies look like brocaded sofas. But the young choirmaster the three men are ticking off for some minor moral indiscretion has embarrassing evidence in his pocket: a letter from the cleric who presided over their joint weddings admitting he was not yet qualified for the job. These pillars of the local chapel and community appear to have been living in sin for 25 years.

Desperate attempts to cover up the painful facts duly fail. Home truths emerge, emotional adjustments are made. Worms turn, most entertainingly in the case of the Soppitts. That is because French is magnificently menacing, whether she is prowling about like a killer-rhino, or bunching her face and glowering like an Amazon warming up for battle, or advancing on her husband like a blend of Texas gunslinger and sumo wrestler. However, the scene in which Parker smugly informs his wife he will remarry her, and she counters by wondering if she wants to go on living with so dreary a skinflint, can be more wittily played and funnier than it is here.

Unwedded bliss in Yorkshire: McKern, Chadwick, Lloyd Pack, French and Bryan

Kelly's production tends to opt for the broad effect rather than the sly, telling detail, which is a pity. But she recognises that Priestley often wrote excellent supporting roles. Dora Bryan twitters in wonderfully batty glee from below a preposterous grey-frizz wig as the char who rumbles her employers' scandalous secret, and Leo McKern is more memorable still as Ormonroyd, the tipsy cameraman come to record his social betters' celebrations. He trundles his portly, rumpled frame about the stage in slow motion, and his voice becomes a grandiose blur, with vowels rising to the surface like bubbles in a fermenting must. You won't see the solemnity of the very drunk better played anywhere.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

A bad day's night in luvviedom

Thin Ice
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CHARLIE HARWOOD is having a typically lousy day. Jobbing actor-turned-writer Alan Ford is reading, with lots of oomph though little polish, from his comic but crude first novel (unpublished). Ford relates a string of lamentable adventures that befall his seedily ageing antihero, a B-rate thesp who scrapes a living playing East End bit parts on telly.

Charlie opens a bleary eye in some bird's squalid flat in the nether regions of Tufnell Park. With a stinking hangover and hazy memories of a seven-inch spliff and a leg-over with a North London luvvie, Charlie struggles into his underpants and stumbles to the bathroom. Massaging his sagging ego, he pats his solar plexus and promptly chucks up in the basin.

It is mostly downhill from here. The traffic is at a crawl round smelly King's Cross. One cab driver waves gratifyingly before Charlie's red *Cortina* is unceremoniously written off on Essex Road. Bolstered by vague recognition from the plebs at the bus stop, Charlie is unfortunately soon spotted by a raving mad old flame. She pursues him, screaming blue murder, on to a jam-packed double-decker.

Charlie is next found playing it cool, an old hand, in a mass audition for a commercial. He is, surely, on the verge of making a packet if he can just look straight into the camera and crush an ice-cream cone into his face. His chance of glory, however, comes to a sticky end as a fellow actor loses his rag and wreaks havoc.

Ford obviously knows Charlie's grungy terrain like the back of his hand. His satire of a professional ham, clearly going to the dogs while still fancying himself as a flash geezer, does have farcical high points. The scenario might make a sitcom. But this bit of rough's four-letter expletives and his risible but also unpleasantly graphic sexploits would hardly make family viewing. Charlie's covert bigotry, even if a send-up, does not seem very amusing. Ford's friends and fans were hooting with laughter, clearly recognising the horrors of the butt end of showbiz. Personally, it left me feeling bleak. Ford's comedy leaves a sour taste in the mouth.

KATE BASSETT

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Transcending time: **Michael Ignatieff** admires the vision of a master storyteller, whose work is the product of a vanished world

The Russian fire that never pales

THE STORIES OF
VLADIMIR NABOKOV
Edited by Dmitri Nabokov
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £25
ISBN 0 297 81722 1

Vladimir Nabokov's writing transforms the most ordinary thing. Take the telegraph poles he remembered seeing from the corridor window of the Nord Express, between St. Petersburg and Paris in August 1909. In *First Love*, a story which was to figure in his memoir *Speak Memory*, "six thin black telegraph wires were doing their best to ascend skyward, despite the lightning blows dealt them by one telegraph pole after another". Since *Speak Memory*, it's impossible for me to look at wires from a train without remarking on the "pathetic elation" with which they reach up, only to be flattened by the "particularly vicious blow," of an on-coming pole.

Nabokov's metaphors were not always as sharp as this. This collection, edited and translated by his son, brings together all 65 of his stories, from the callow but precocious *Wood Sprite*, published in 1921 in a Berlin émigré magazine, while Nabokov was still an undergraduate at Trinity, Cambridge, to the icy *Lance* published in *The New Yorker* when Nabokov's self transformation into the imperious magician of *Lolita* was complete. It is reassuring to discover that the magic did not come naturally.

The early stories do reveal a gift for melancholy: "I was pensively penning the outline of the inkstand's circular, quivering shadow," is how the first of his stories preciously begins. But the gift might well have been wasted in an imagination less determined than his own. Take those telegraph poles once again. In *A Matter of Chance*, the poles merely "flew past" the train window. This is limp stuff compared to the wonderful image of the poles smiting the wires back down like some bad-tempered disciplinarian. Throughout the collection, a reader can watch the images becoming more exact, the sentiment becoming more disciplined and the humour becoming spiced with devilry.

Connoisseur of the male psyche: Sue Lyon in the cinema adaptation of Nabokov's *Lolita* (1962)

Nabokov's comic gifts grow as he masters the lush sentiment of the early stories and discovers that tears are more effective when cut with laughter. In *The Vane Sisters*, a late story, the narrator describes Cynthia Vane with all the coldness of a butterfly collector, dwelling on the "higgledy piggledy" striation of black hairs that showed all along her pale shins through the nylon of her stockings, with the scientific distinctness of a preparation under glass.

Nabokov is a *connoisseur of* male sexual disgust, but he's also superb at the longing which disgusted strives to conceal. In *The Vane Sisters* the joke is ultimately on the fastidious narrator, who having regaled the reader with his superiority towards the vulgar Miss Vane turns out, when she commits suicide, to be stricken by her loss.

Like his narrators, Nabokov is sometimes too pleased with himself and seems unaware of the comic aspects of his own self satisfaction. It is ridiculous of him to have written in the preface to his story *Terror* that it precedes Sartre's *Nausée*, with which it shares certain shades of thought, and none of that novel's fatal defects, by at least a dozen years.

Nabokov can be infuriating: reading him is like playing tennis with an opponent who beats you with a lob and comes to the net to tell you he could have beaten you with a smash. But his gamesmanship with the reader and his joyful manipulation of the reader's suspension of disbelief make him a master whose work transcends his time. For the collection reminds us how much his work was the product of a vanished world: the cold-water flats, the German landladies, the dirty third-class cultures, the flea-bitten station hotels of the Russian emigration. He took this mean world, captured it in words, and in doing so escaped it forever.

While their hearts were yearning

John Grigg examines

the national spirit that kept

our home fires burning

BLIGHTY: British
Society in the Era
of the Great War
By Gerard
J. DeGroot
Longman, £44
ISBN 0 582 06138 5

In the introduction to his study of British society during the Great War, the American-born Gerard J. DeGroot (who has lived here for 15 years and is a history lecturer at St Andrews) defines Blighty as a place, an idea, and a set of warm, cosy emotions. He does not give the term's origin, which can be traced back to the army in India, long before the First World War.

According to the indispensable *Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable*, it is "the Urdu Vilayati or Bilati, an adjective meaning provincial, removed at some distance; hence adopted by the military for England."

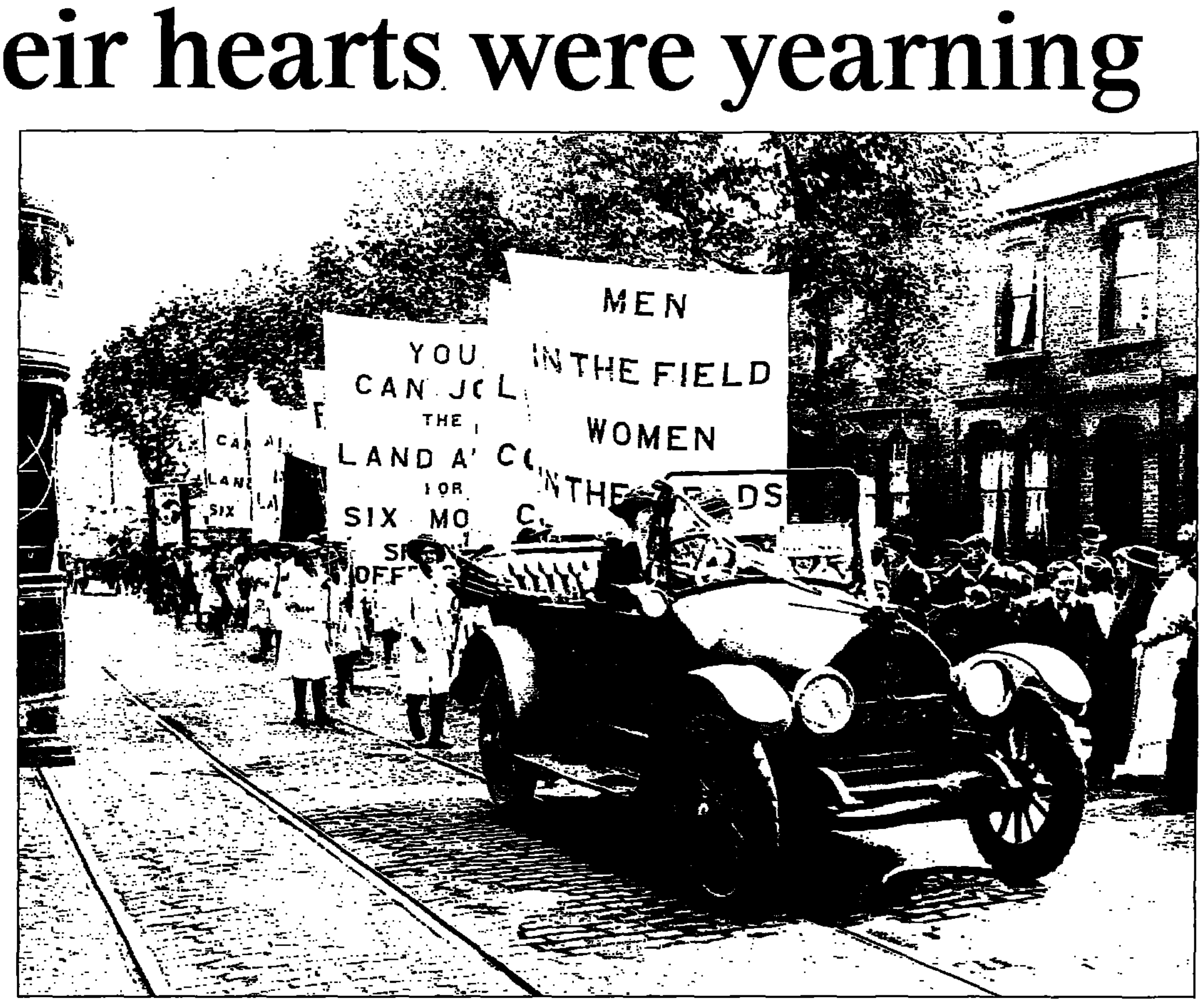
Though some today appear to feel that the country is, or should be, as remote from Continental Europe as from India, the events of our century have shown how closely linked our destiny is with the mainland, and how dangerous it is for us to attempt to stand aloof.

DeGroot's book is intended as "a reassessment of the war", but it is never at all clear how he is reassessing it, or if he has anything new to contribute in the way of interpretation, as distinct from factual detail.

Does he regard our participation in the war as just and right, or as a materialistic exercise masquerading as a crusade? Does he admire the British war effort with its blend of voluntarism and reluctant compulsion, or is he arguing that this made us so inefficient we were lucky to survive? On the whole he seems to take a favourable view, though with so many reservations the effect is necessarily confusing.

There are also specific contradictions in the text, which add to the general lack of focus. For instance, at one point we are told that it is "erroneous to assume" anti-German feeling was stirred by prewar books about threatened invasion, such as *The Riddle of the Sands*; at another that "a rabid public was fired by lurid invasion stories". Lloyd George is said to have brought "a more dynamic approach to the war", but then, soon afterwards, to have been "not the radical dynamo which many have made him". (It is true that the change from Asquith to Lloyd George was, in many respects, an evolution rather than a clean break. But with all his faults Lloyd George *was* a dynamic war leader, both before and after he became Prime Minister.)

As a reassessment DeGroot's book is not, therefore, an outstanding success. Yet it has many merits and is well worth reading. The author has drawn on a wide variety of sources and produces a lot of fascinating information. Whatever his opinion of the voluntary spirit that prevailed in the early part of the war, he illustrates it most tellingly.



Fields of duty: a Woman's Land Army recruitment march (1918) and, below, an advertisment from *The Times* promoting the recycling of tea leaves (1914)

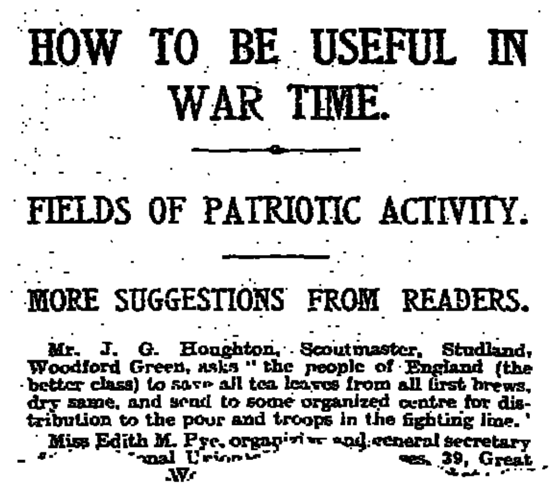
One astonishing fact is that during the first ten months the Treasury received unsolicited gifts from the public amounting to £25 million (£1.25 billion in today's money), while at the same time "income tax doubled and other taxes ate into disposable income".

DeGroot rightly stresses the patriotism of the working class, regarding it, however, as a form of "stasis", reflecting passive acceptance of the social order. While he concedes that this helped Britain to win the war, he feels that the anti-revolutionary instincts of British workers after the war helped to accelerate Britain's decline. But can he really believe that either the country or the British working class would have been better off if the latter had followed the Russian example?

The sense of hierarchy was, indeed, far stronger in 1914 than in 1939 — to say nothing of the post-Sixties Britain that DeGroot knows — and the comfortable classes sacrificed less, on the home front, than the mass of the people did despite their much higher taxes, they remained comfortable. (In August 1914 this newspaper advised its affluent readers "to save tea-leaves from the first brew, dry them and send them for distribution to the poor or the troops".) Nevertheless at the front the balance of sacrifice was quite the other way: the percentage killed among the class-based officer corps was substantially higher than among other ranks.

In industry, the trade unions showed more self-denial than employers, whose excess profits were for a time a scandal. But when the taxation of these was eventually made effective, it brought in 25 per cent of total revenue, compared with 4 per cent from taxes on workers' incomes. Almost in passing the author makes one comment which deserves supreme emphasis: "there was a great deal of chaos, many avoidable emergencies and some injustice caused by a reluctance to intervene. But no master plan nor great body of experience existed to guide politicians, who were pioneers in the realm of state intervention. If the British record in the Second World War seems more impressive, it is because later generations drew upon the experiences of 1914-1918."

That is the nub of the matter. As a new experience the Great War was a more remarkable achievement by the British people, and incidentally it was won in a shorter time.



HOW TO BE USEFUL IN WAR TIME.

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Mr. J. G. Houghton, Scoutmaster, Studland, Woodford Green, asks "the people of England (the better class) to save all tea leaves from all first brews, dry same, and send to some organized centre for distribution to the poor and troops in the fighting line."

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In a wilderness and a solitary place

Karen Armstrong

HERMITS
The Insights of Solitude
By Peter France
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Today, in the words of Philip Larkin, we tend to believe that "all solitude is selfish". Our personal development seems entirely dependent upon our ability to form relationships and to live productively in community. The solitary, silent quest of the hermit is widely regarded as not merely an aberration but reprehensible: how can a needy world benefit from those who turn their backs upon it? Did not even the Buddha say that after enlightenment a man must come down from the mountain-top, return to the market place and practise compassion to all living beings?

Yet, as Peter France shows in this accessible book, the desire for solitude has surfaced in all cultures. There have always been those who have experienced social institutions as constricting and withdrawn from the cities and towns to become more fully themselves. But this does not mean that they became insulated from their fellow human beings. Frequently they drew others towards them like a magnet. Not only was their isolation profoundly attractive but it also gave hermits great insight into mundane affairs.

Thus hermits have traditionally given sound advice on marital and sexual problems, despite their vow of celibacy. They have counselled businessmen and politicians and their wisdom has impressed militantly atheistic philosophers. The hermits' distance from society often gave them a clearer view of its foibles. The self-knowledge they acquired in solitude yielded an uncanny insight into the workings of the human heart.

France has not attempted an exhaustive study of the eremetical life. He has concentrated on Christian hermits, starting with the Desert Fathers but also examining the great Russian Orthodox contemplatives of the 18th and 19th centuries, the American solitary Henry David Thoreau, and, in our own century, the Trappist monk Thomas Merton. France points out that Western monasticism stressed the virtues of community and tended to be suspicious of solitude. Merton, for example, had a long battle with his superiors, who adamantly opposed his desire to withdraw to a hermitage.

Merton is a good example of the conflict between the desire for solitude and the intense need for human companionship that often exercises the hermit. He had friends all over the world who wrote to him regularly and travelled thousands of miles to visit him. Locked away in his monastery, Merton exercised enormous influence in the world. His writings gave people a greater appreciation of the solitary life and changed the way that many Catholics saw other faiths.

An obvious admirer of solitude and reticence, France lets his hermits speak for themselves. He begins with an illuminating discussion of the emergence of the idea of the individual in ancient Greece, showing that the desire for solitude and self-sufficiency was an essential concomitant of the developing social ideal. His remarks on the Desert Fathers, which emphasise their sound sense and compassion, will correct the common view of these hermits as repressed fanatics. But then France seems to retire, hermit-like, from his text and the book becomes more of an anthology of the hermits' maxims.

This abundance of quotation tends to be indigestible and the reader would welcome more guidance and interpretation — all the more so since France has raised an important issue. By fleeing solitude and silence and continuing to see all virtue as social, we are in danger of ignoring a state of life which, in those who have the eremetical vocation, has long been a source of creativity, wisdom and insight to society as a whole.

The 19th-century Dinton Hermit

Sea salt and silence

Rachel Campbell-Johnston

THE SHAPE OF
CLOUDS
By Peter Benson
Sceptre, £16.99
ISBN 0 340 67203 X

A RESERVED man, who lives in a reclusive outpost of Britain's coastline, Peter Benson is at his best when describing the bare elemental world of sea and sky. In this, his seventh novel, he explores the rugged Cornish shores.

Port Juliet, "a port that never was a port", is a place which has been "shot, gutted and hung out to dry at the edge of England". The sea spills ceaselessly upon the shore, the trees keel eastwards, the wind cuts like shears and the air is tainted with salt. Sorrow and insanity haunt the land. Myths and rumours breed there, feeding and swelling on gossip and suspicion.

It is to this place that Michael, an aged mariner, comes, his life cast up like driftwood. But he has waited all his life for somewhere like this, he says, "for a house and a place at the edge of the country, and for love". He fills out his days dreaming of adventures gone by, of lost ships and vanished quays, and passions abandoned in distant ports. Benson wanders through the years of an isolated life like a beachcomber along lonely shores, perusing the flotsam of the past, shaping it into patterns and forms with his slow sculptural prose.

BUT, as in earlier novels, he hands most of his narrative to a muted speaker — to Michael, the sea captain, whose voice has been muffled by solitude. Ruminative conversations dissolve, unfinished, into the swell of unspoken thought. Shards of recovered memories glitter brightly, only to be released again, to sink slowly back into the depths of the mind.

Then into Michael's world strides Elizabeth Green, an American movie star who once made one great film, but whose career subsequently drifted into desuetude. Throughout Michael's voyaging life, she has been the idol of his fantasies and dreams. It is the development of their unlikely relationship in old age that Benson explores.

The Shape of Clouds seems in many ways an old fashioned romance, but it is deceptive in its simplicity. Benson balances artfully between cynicism and sentimentality. In a place where "the sky is deeper than silence and deeper than love", his characters are poised between an almost Coleridgean awareness of "something ever more about to be" and a creeping regret for their shipwrecked pasts.

Benson explores the sense of loss which seeps out of the interstices between dream and memory. "Is regret a disease?" he asks. "Does distance give it strength? Can it become a pleasure? Can regret become stronger than love and overtake its reason?" As Benson answers these questions, his novel gradually shapes itself into an exquisitely crafted image of the way in which life blends the ideal and the real.

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On fishing and fidelity

Rodney Milnes on a marriage bound together by music

Pleasures of the flesh led to a marriage out of key: Kurt Weill and Lotte Lenya at the piano in Brook House (1942)

SPEAK LOW (WHEN YOU SPEAK LOVE):
The Letters of Kurt Weill and Lotte Lenya
Edited by Lys Symonette and Kim Kowalke
Hamish Hamilton, £30
ISBN 0 241 13264 9

Many marriages are incomprehensible to outsiders; even insiders, close friends of both, found it hard to fathom the marriage of Kurt Weill and Lotte Lenya — or rather marriages, since they divorced in 1933 at the time of Weill's first period of exile in Paris, and quietly remarried in New York. Even the constituents are unlikely: Weill, son of a North German cantor whose cosy Jewish family must have found it hard to accept the Roman Catholic, Viennese small-time actress with a lurid past even before their first marriage in 1926.

Lenya's interest in the pleasures of the flesh was always well developed, and she was serially and openly unfaithful. So was Weill, but more discreetly — a pattern reflected by the book's editors — though his attachment to a (still) anonymous woman in Hollywood seems to have occasioned the greatest danger to their marriage: the crisis surrounding Lenya's threat to move out of their home near New York may have contributed to the composer's shockingly early death from heart trouble in 1950. He was only as old as the century.

The fact that Lenya was married and widowed three more times, each time to a homosexual with a drink problem, and devoted the rest of her life to the tireless promotion of Weill's works suggests that what bound them together as much as anything else was music.

But this impeccably edited, generously illustrated volume is about Weill's and Lenya's lives rather than the music they were together during the collaboration with Brecht and the creation of the major Broadway shows. Weill's early letters confirm that music came before marriage; no wonder the sparky Lenya became restless. But the copious post-divorce letters are depressingly fascinating. Lenya had run off with the tenor, conman and compulsive gambler Otto von Pasetti; Weill, struggling to earn a living in the first years of exile in Paris and London, profoundly depressed, subject to nervous psoriasis, plays her like an expert angler a particularly juicy salmon, pretending to believe in Pasetti's "systems," sending her money, even arranging for Pasetti to join her in the cast of *The Seven Deadly Sins*. It worked. Pasetti vanished — you can sense the relief when Weill can finally refer to him as "a swindler" — and Weill arranged for Lenya to join him in Max Reinhardt's epic pageant *The Eternal Road* on Broadway, passport for both of them to America. His friends may have been mystified, but he knew better.

The American letters comes in three substantial chunks, twice when Weill was working in Hollywood, once when Lenya was on a nationwide tour in a play by Maxwell Anderson. The tone is delightfully relaxed and warm, splattered with cheerful obscenities (one or two watered down by the editors), full of gossip about Fritz Lang, the Lunts, Helen Hayes, Sam and Bella Spewack and other movie and musical luminaries. Weill's accounts of trying to force Ira Gershwin to get down to work on "my first Broadway opera," *Firebrand of Florence* (it flopped), are wryly amusing. There's an epic moment when Weill lets drop that he is considering making Brecht a monthly allowance, which elicits first a telegram and then a long letter from Lenya telling him why he should do no such thing. She knew her Brecht.

The picture that emerges, with Lenya on the road scouring antique shops for bric-a-brac to decorate their house, is of unclouded domestic bliss — misleading in the event, but throughout a fair amount of reading between the lines is necessary. Lenya is of course an outsize character painted in primary colours. Weill remains elusive, at once shy and absolutely sure of himself, charitable and sharp, worldly-wise yet oddly child-like, essentially serious but with a perky sense of humour. His determination to become exclusively American is reflected in his impatience with the Hollywood exiles — the Manns, Klemperer, Schoenberg — and the fact that all his friends were American. And what emerges strongly is that he regarded his Hollywood and some of his Broadway work as merely marking time: once the war was over, he would return to serious composition in directions suggested by *Street Scene* (1947) and *Lost in the Stars* (1949). So in 1950 he had only just started. He died far, far too young.

Felipe Fernandez-Armesto on Europe's past

Gems among the rocks of orthodoxy

A HISTORY OF MODERN EUROPE
By John Merriman
Norton, £18.95
ISBN 0 393 96885 5

A rich American lady recently attempted to climb Everest with a coffee percolator. There ought to be a silly section in the records for historians who try to climb Parnassus with a textbook. Because textbooks are written for captive student-readerships they tend to get written badly.

Because they have to satisfy deadly course requirements they are usually conventional and dull — fossils in rocks of orthodoxy. Because of the assumption that their readers are brutes, they waste time telling you that Immanuel Kant was a German philosopher and Vichy is in France. Luring scholars out of specialist burrows, they trap mistakes and ensnare wild judgments. They sacrifice the beauty and power of prose to "clarity," which is transparent, and "accessibility," which is unreadable.

John Merriman's contribution has all the vices of the genre but it has heroic virtues too. This is a book of briefcase-busting, depth-charge weight. It has over 1,500 pages — enough paper for the most fastidious castaway, enough ballistic power for the feeblest student lout. The author has genuinely tried to make it better and brighter than its predecessors. He shares valuable scraps of evidence. He includes fragments of the lives other textbooks leave out: musicians, scientists, women, children, prostitutes and pornographers. There are some sustained passages of deftly handled material, especially in the pages on the late 19th and very early 20th centuries. The uniform pace wearies the reader, but the writer, at least, never flags. For sheer ambition, Merriman deserves success: most academic specialists nowadays are busy digging ever narrower furrows in ever more desiccated soils: it takes courage and vision for a professor to try to clamber out of the mud.

Despite these important merits, I fear no one except reviewers will read this book. Life is too short. The first unfamiliar idea I found was on page 917, the first joke on page 1,307. I admired Merriman's formidable efficiency in marshalling unmanageable data, but even he was defeated by the scale of his own efforts. Feeble generalisations and platitudes abound: "The balance between life and death was precarious . . . More people learned how to read."

Vices and virtues: breakthrough in the Chunnel (1990)

Maddeningly, quotations are attributed to "one observer" or "a contemporary" — presumably in order to spare American undergraduates from the embarrassment of difficult foreign names. Chronology and classification are meaninglessly telescoped. Gunpowder, muskets and rifles for instance, are crammed into two paragraphs ostensibly about 13th and 14th century warfare. The Crimean War is crushed into a section on Victorian Britain. The breathless last chapters on postwar Europe read almost like newscasters' headlines, with no story followed for long enough to make sense.

The author's judgments are frank but not fearless: he likes Whigs, democrats and free-market economists, hates slavers, imperialists and fanatics. Yet we never learn what Merriman thinks Europe is.

Most of the book is devoted to relatively long passages about obvious countries and even some of them are ignored for vast stretches. Russia is hardly mentioned in the first three hundred pages. No concept of Europe emerges. No context for Europe in world history appears.

The publishers have been unpardonably slack: they have encumbered the pictures with captions which are often wrong and usually worthless. They have let Merriman refer in his preface to "these two volumes" while publishing the book in one. They ought to have stripped out the cliches, mixed metaphors and stylistic infelicities of an author who is not a professional writer. Nor can anyone writing at this length on such a broad theme avoid howlers without editorial help.

On this showing, there is no place on Parnassus for John Merriman. He will continue to share low slopes with fellow-historians: there are more of us in the world today than ever. Yet between us we write fewer books that other people want to read. If we want to haul ourselves higher we shall have to discard all the old rope. And textbooks are among the unnecessary encumbrances we ought to be prepared to shed.

Curiouser and curiouser

Lynne Truss

LEWIS CARROLL: A Biography
By Michael Bakewell
Heinemann, £20
ISBN 0 434 04579 9

LEWIS CARROLL: A *Portrait with* Background
By Donald Thomas
John Murray £25
ISBN 0 7195 5327 7

When *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* was first published in 1865, it received a rather double-edged tribute from one of its reviewers. So struck was the writer by Alice's charming nonsense and humour that he declared, "One can hardly help reading it through."

Alice, of course, did not deserve such faint praise, but biographers of its author should be pleased with it. As Virginia Woolf once brutally pointed out, "The Rev C. L. Dodgson had no life"; a biography which carries you to the end is therefore a marked success. These new books (both pluckily prepared in the teeth of Morton Cohen's monumental biography published last year) qualify on these meagre terms at least.

Dodgson is like the elusive snark of his famous poem — pursued by strangely compelled people who don't know what they are looking for, whose maps don't help. "Forks and Hope" are as useful as you might imagine on this quest; nevertheless Donald Thomas arms himself with all manner of forks — raking the Victorian collective psyche for child prostitution and Oxford political intrigue (he's very good on this); while Michael Bakewell trusts to Dodgson's imagination, believing that if enough care is employed, this intensely pecular man can be ultimately matched to his intensely peculiar work.

So these books are very different. Bakewell is a good critic: stealthy, sensitive to Dodgson's infinite shades of grey, while Thomas is a colourist who sometimes prefers a splash of violet or orange quite unrelated to the big picture, for the forgiveable reason of wanting some narrative excitement.

Dodgson had a happy childhood at home: so much is clear. His school days at Rugby were miserable, and his life-long sojourn at Christ Church, Oxford, was his fate rather than his ambition. And that's about it. As the White Knight's poem says, "I'll tell thee everything I can, there's little to relate." — and the little to relate here includes 19 consecutive summers in Eastbourne, a few child-friends, lots of pernickety wrangles, and in a startlingly uninteresting excursion to Russia. Under the nursery floor at the Croft Rectory in Yorkshire was discovered a block of wood on which the young Charlie supposedly wrote, "And we'll wander through the wide world, and chase the buffalo" — but this exuberant intention was surely never literal, sad to say.

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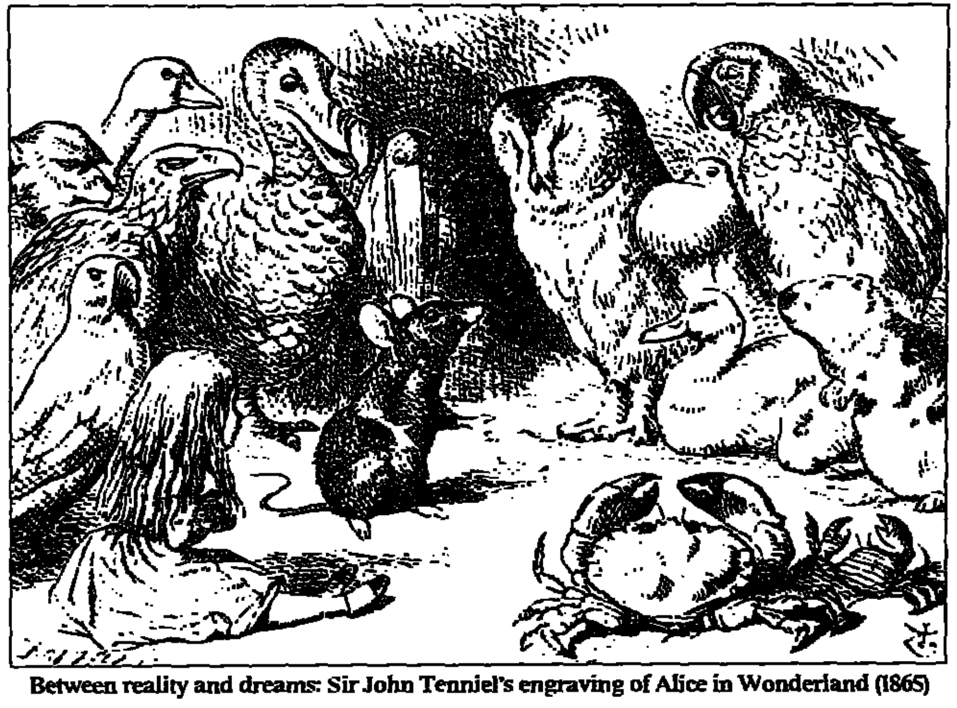

Between reality and dreams: Sir John Tenniel's engraving of Alice in Wonderland (1865)

Bakewell is spot-on, in fact, when he insists that Dodgson throughout his life re-invented reality to make it his own — when he parodied a poem, took a picture of an "undraped" child, constructed unguessable conundrums, put Alice into a story, or closed his ears to profanity, he was simply asserting the power of his own imagination to keep the world safe from any real buffalo who might possibly chase him back.

The question of Dodgson's interest in little girls remains problematic, not to say sticky. Thomas makes useful points about the mid-Victorian age of consent (12), but whenever he mentions the child prostitutes operating in the Haymarket just yards from Dodgson's favourite hotel, there is somehow an amusing background noise of head banging against brick. Bakewell cautions the reader not to jump to sensational conclusions; he believes that Dodgson was in love with his own childhood, and that the famous break with the Liddells came about not because he asked for Alice's hand, but because he took umbrage himself. He was not banished from the Deanery; offended by Mrs Liddell's suspicions, he stayed away. As a solution to the most famous mystery in his life, it certainly fits in perfectly with his known character.

And his character is very well known by now. Bakewell sums him up: "Fussy and easily offended, old-maidish and excessively prudish . . . he carried himself bolt upright, was deaf in one ear, suffered from housemaid's knee, and had a pronounced stammer. He was such a dull tutor that his pupils organised a round robin asking to be transferred to another teacher." But the words "and yet" are never far away with Lewis Carroll. He is like one of his own puzzles; logical, but only to himself. Despite all his clerical "fuss budgeting" he was also a very funny writer — breezy, even — who delighted children with games and tricks. The little girls really loved to visit him; they were not just being polite.

One wonders whether, with madness so big a factor in the *Alice* books, sexuality was the only thing Dodgson kept at bay with his "pillow problems" and perpetual mental invention. His uncle, Skeffington Lutwidge, a commissioner in lunacy, was killed by a madman — and it was after a visit with Skeffington that Dodgson concluded that lunacy was the confusion of reality and dream — a distinct with which he certainly had problems himself. While it is true that his works have been psychoanalysed quite enough already (Alice as a symbolic penis takes the biscuit here), it still seems odd that biographers turn infrequently to books that reveal so much. Perhaps they remember the fate of the snark-finder: he softly and silently vanished away. With a quarry as elusive as Lewis Carroll, however, that's a risk you've got to take.

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Hot behind the curtain

Michele Roberts

THE CURIOUS ROOM
By Angela Carter
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THIS IS the second in a series of three volumes of Angela Carter's collected works. The first, which came out last year, brought together all her short stories, the works which, in my view, most definitely express her genius. Her highly original reworkings of traditional fairy-tales combined with warmth, humour, slyness and passion, while the strict narrative form kept her ebullient and generous writing within bounds. Now we're given the dramatic writing, works encompassing radio plays, an opera and pieces for stage and screen.

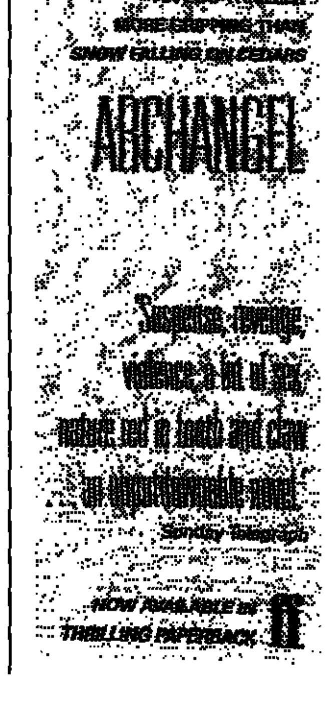
It's no accident that Carter should have loved writing drama. A theme running through all her fiction, and her non-fiction too, is the theatricality of daily life, how we depend upon rituals and gestures in which we've been coached since childhood, to get us through close encounters of all kinds. Being a woman, for example, in Carter's world, meant acting like one. Femininity was a masquerade. We strut our little stages under the close scrutiny of family and lovers. Drag queens and changelings, panto dames and castrati, Carter loved them all. It's not surprising that she found film potential in *The Company of Wolves*, her retelling of Little Red Riding-Hood which stresses masks and metamorphoses as well as anger and sex: film is a perfect medium for exploring how surface images can dissolve and change. Neil Jordan's film helped bring Carter's work to a wider audience, as did the TV film about her, *The Marvellous Room*, made shortly before her death.

The same preoccupation tend to pop up all through her works. This compendious volume includes reworkings for radio of Puss in Boots and the Dracula legend; a Western inspired by a Weber opera, relocated in a rundown brothel, a draft for an opera of Virgina Woolf's *Orlando*; fictionalised biographies of parricidal Victorian painter Richard Dadd and of Ronald Firbank, the Edwardian novelist; a new version of Wedekind's *Lulu*; a screenplay based on a real-life matricide in New Zealand, as well as the screenplays for *The Magic Toyshop* and *The Company of Wolves*.

Perhaps this collection will be of most use to students of Carter's work rather than the ordinary reader. While it's good to know that a collected edition of her works is available, most of us don't read play texts for fun. What's interesting about these scripts, though, is the evidence they furnish of Carter's highly visual imagination. She wasn't going to wait for directors and stage designers to bring her visions to life. She knew all about making images work in theatre. The proof is here, on the printed page.

Writers' reputations often dip in the years immediately following their deaths, before reassessment is made. I had no doubt that some critics will feel hot and bothered by Carter's delight in skipping between all kinds of different literary and dramatic forms. Just as it was impossible to pigeonhole her as a feminist or feminist writer, so it's difficult to argue that she should have stuck to novels and short stories. Clearly, she relished experiment and change, aesthetically as well as politically. She joked all the time. She invented a new womanly voice, just as she had no ultra modern dandyish concern with language and story shape, but she was always subversive. Holy cows, feminist or otherwise, were to be treated with irreverence.

One of the pleasures of reading this book is watching a writer's imagination translate itself into visual and aural effects. We're allowed backstage, to peep at the wondrous machines of illusion, to follow Carter's relish of technology. Mother Goose or the story-spinning grandmother in the corner by the fire, lived on, for her, through radio: "in its most essential sense . . . radio retains the atavistic lure, the atavistic power, of voices in the dark, and the writer who gives the words to these voices retains some of the authority of the most antique tellers of tales." Had she lived, I'm sure Angela Carter would have been one of the first explorers of virtual reality. In her imagination, she'd got there already.



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6.05 NEWNHAM MAIDEN STAKES

(£4,045: 6f) (16 runners)

1	65/	NAKAMI 722 P Makin 4-9-2	S Sanders 5
2	-005	CA'D'ORO 51 G Balding 3-8-12	A Procter 16
3	0	CAKE THEM 107 T Naughton 3-8-12	Rachael Moody (7) 8
4	00-	COUNTRY THATCH 308 C Horgan 3-8-12	Paul Eddery 1
5	6	DESIGNER LINES 22 C James 3-8-12	A McGlone 7
6	0	JADES SHADOW 94 J Bridger 3-8-12	J F Egan 9
7	2	LONGWICK LAD 68 W Muir 3-8-12	D Harrison 12
8	0-	ONE DREAM 272 B Smart 3-8-12	M Tebbutt 11
9	0	TIME GOES ON 27 R Hodges 4-8-11	S Drowne (3) 10
10		DESERT SERENADE E Dunlop 3-8-7	R Hills 3
11	520	HIGHLAND RHAPSODY 32 (BF) I Balding 3-8-7	M Hills 4
12		OCTAVIA HILL P Harris 3-8-7	G Hind 13
13	0543	REDSKIN LADY 10 D Elsworth 3-8-7	R Hughes 2
14	00	SERAPE 19 H Candy 3-8-7	C Rutter 14
15	32-	SHINING CLOUD 412 L Cottrell 3-8-7	M Fenton 15
16		YUKON HOPE R Charlton 3-8-7	T Sprake 6

3-1 Highland Rhapsody, 4-1 Yukon Hope, 5-1 Longwick Lad, 6-1 others

6.35 PEMBROKE HANDICAP (£3,002: 1m 6f) (8)

1	-313	TONYS GIFT 19 (F) M Pipe 4-10-0	R Hughes 4
2	0213	SILKTAIL 8 (CD,F) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-9	T Sprake 2
3	1-04	OUR KRIS 19 (B,D,F) N Henderson 4-9-8	M Hills 1
4	2205	SEA FREEDOM 26 (V,BF) G Balding 5-9-6	G Hind 7
5	33/	MULL HOUSE 691J (D,F,G) G Enright 9-9-4	G Faulkner (7) 8
6	-604	CHRIS'S LAD 6 (B,D,F,S) B Meehan 5-9-1	B Doyle 3
7	1432	MR COPYFORCE 19 (F,G) Miss B Sanders 6-8-4	S Sanders 5
8	0006	RUPIANA 12 (F) C Murray 4-7-12	J F Egan 6

7-4 Silktail, 3-1 Mr Copyforce, 4-1 Tonys Gift, 6-1 Our Kris, 8-1 others

7.05 TRINITY CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,724: 6f) (4)

SKY

1	12	COMPTON PLACE 27 (F) J Toller 9-0	S Sanders 3
2	6525	DALMENY DANCER 19 (D,G) B Meehan 8-12	B Doyle 2
3	12	COLOMBIA 10 (V,D,BF,G) M Stoute 8-9	D Harrison 4
4		POLISH WARRIOR P Chapple-Hyam 8-7	J Reid 1

5-4 Compton Place, 6-4 Polish Warrior, 3-1 Colombia, 14-1 Dalmeny Dancer.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 11 winners from 39 runners, 28.2%; P Chapple-Hyam, 8 from 33, 24.2%; J Fanshawe, 7 from 35, 20.0%; M Stoute, 5 from 31, 16.1%; R Charlton, 11 from 70, 15.7%.

JOCKEYS: Dane O'Neill, 11 winners from 55 rides, 20.0%; M Henry, 4 from 23, 17.4%; M Hills, 9 from 52, 17.3%; N Varley, 5 from 33, 15.2%; J Reid, 26 from 173, 15.0%; R Hughes, 10 from 69, 14.5%.

7.35 SPIRE FM HANDICAP

SKY

(3-Y-O: £3,366: 1m) (14)

1	-020	BALLPOINT 24 R Hannon 9-7	Dane O'Neill (3) 8
2	0031	WHITE SETTLER 21 (F) R Hodges 9-5	S Drowne (3) 7
3	2140	DUNGEON PRINCESS 7 (D,F) C Murray 9-1	J F Egan 3
4	4404	TEA PARTY 13 K Cunningham-Brown 9-0	J Reid 12
5	4260	SHALATEENO 24 B Millman 8-13	B Doyle 2
6	0435	STONE ISLAND 41 C Cyzer 8-11	S Sanders 4
7	0043	FLAME OF HOPE 26 J Dunlop 8-10	T Sprake 14
8	4-60	PENDLEY ROSE 17 P Harris 8-8	G Hind 6
9	600	LADY MAGNUM 24 J Neville 8-8	N Varley (3) 5
10	0043	NAKHAL 5 (B) D Murray Smith 8-7	Paul Eddery 9
11	4311	SYLVAN PRINCESS 3 (F,G,S) C Allen 8-6 (5ex)	Martin Dwyer (5) 1
12	0000	MORNING SIR 27 C Barwell 8-4	M Fenton 13
13	0605	FLYING HAROLD 6 M Channon 7-13	C Rutter 10
14	4415	SHOULDBEGREY 7 W Muir 7-12	M Henry (3) 11

9-2 White Settler, 5-1 Sylvan Princess, 6-1 Tea Party, 7-1 Ballpoint, Flame Of Hope, 8-1 Shouldbegrey, Nakhal, 10-1 others.

8.05 DOWNING CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,868: 6f) (14)

SKY

1	-610	ORTOLAN 22 (C,D,F,S) R Hannon 9-4	Dane O'Neill (3) 6
2	5330	RED TIME 63 M Saunders 9-0	J F Egan 13
3	0	ROYAL INTRUSION 45 R Hodges 9-0	S Drowne (3) 1
4	5025	CISERANO 10 (G) M Channon 8-9	R Perham 11
5	0005	CRAVEN COTTAGE 34 C James 8-4	C Rutter 9
6	0560	APARTMENTS ABROAD 8 (V,G) K McAuliffe 8-3	J Stack 12
7	0000	BELLA'S LEGACY 24 R Hodges 8-3	B Doyle 5
8	-000	MY MILLIE 33 (V) R Boss 8-3	D Harrison 2
9	0400	MUSIC MISTRESS 27 (F) J Moore 8-1	M Henry (3) 7
10	0-36	REAL GEM 6 P Makin 8-1	S Sanders 14
11	0605	DOUBLE OR BUST 26 A Newcombe 7-11	N Varley (3) 10
12	6050	FARIDA SECONDA 47 J Spearing 7-11	Iona Wands (7) 8
13	40-0	GOLDEN SILVER 26 J Moore 7-11	C Adamson (5) 3
14	-000	POWER PRINCESS 38 J Pickering 7-11	Martin Dwyer (5) 4

3-1 Ortolan, 4-1 Ciserano, 7-1 Real Gem, 8-1 Music Mistress, Double Or Bust, Red Time, 12-1 Apartments Abroad, 14-1 others.

8.35 MAGDALENE FILLIES HANDICAP

SKY

(£4,078: 6f 212yd) (14)

1	1433	ZELDA ZONK 12 (D,F) B Meehan 4-10-0	B Doyle 14
2	002	POMONA 71 P Makin 3-9-7	S Sanders 2
3	-100	FLIRTY GERTIE 22 (D,G) R Boss 4-9-4	R Hughes 13
4	5452	NUNSHARPA 8 J Fanshawe 3-9-4	J Reid 8
5	5542	MARJAANA 17 (G) P Walwyn 3-9-2	R Hills 1
6	652	MISRULE 20 (BF) J Gosden 3-9-2	G Hind 7
7	550-	SUPREME THOUGHT 307 L Cottrell 4-9-0	M Fenton 5
8	3016	BANDIT GIRL 10 (CD,BF,F,G) I Balding 3-8-10	Martin Dwyer (5) 9
9	-550	CASSIMERE 48 D Chappell 4-8-9	W J O'Connor 3
10	0-06	SECRET PLEASURE 20 R Hannon 3-8-9	Dane O'Neill (3) 4
11	5404	WINSOME WOOSTER 13 (G,S) P Murphy 5-8-9	S Drowne (3) 11
12	0800	JUBILEE PLACE 15 (F) T Thomson Jones 3-8-7	D Harrison 12
13	3060	CORNICHE QUEST 7 (BF,G) M Channon 3-8-1	C Rutter 6
14	3-55	AUDREY GRACE 22 Miss G Kelleway 5-7-13	T Sprake 10

5-1 Zelda Zonk, Nunsharpa, 6-1 Pomona, 7-1 Marjaana, Secret Pleasure, 8-1 Winsome Wooster, 10-1 Flirty Gertie, 12-1 others

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DRAW: 6F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.20 DONCASTER RACECOURSE SUNDAY MARKET HANDICAP (Amateurs: £2,807: 2m 110yd) (11)

1	0110	STOMPIN 44 (D,F,G) Miss H Knight 5-11-7	J Culloty 6
2	5-10	GOOD HAND 40 (CD,F,G) S Kettlewell 10-11-1	C Bonner 9
3	4400	ANGLESEY SEA VIEW 19 (D,G) A Bailey 7-10-6	Miss Bridget Gatehouse (5) 7
4	4335	JALCANTO 14 (G) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-13	M H Naughton 4
5	2511	ARIAN SPIRIT 66 (D,F,G,S) J Eyre 5-9-11	Miss Diana Jones 3
6	5-01	CANDLE SMOKE 17 (F) G Harwood 3-9-11	Mrs A Perrett 11
7	0/0	FRONTIER FLIGHT 40 Miss L Siddall 6-9-10	Miss T Cave (5) 1
8	3315	CHAKALAK 19 (D,F,G) S Dow 8-9-8	S Fetherstonhaugh (5) 2
9	6306	NOSEY NATIVE 7 (F) J Pearce 3-9-0	Mrs L Pearce 8
10	1222	OLD SCHOOL HOUSE 6 (BF,G) T Naughton 3-9-0	Mrs J Naughton (5) 10
11	-500	PHANAN 168 (F,G) R Peacock 10-9-0	Mrs C Peacock (5) 5

3-1 Arian Spirit, 7-2 Stompin, 4-1 Candle Smoke, 9-2 Good Hand, 8-1 Jalcanto, Chakalak, 10-1 Old School House, 12-1 others.

6.50 DONCASTER STALLHOLDERS CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,726: 7f) (5)

1	11	BRAVE ACT 21 (D,F,S) M Prescott 9-5	G Duffield 4
2	21	FLAMING WEST 20 (D,G) H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan 5
3	41	PAPUA 19 (D,F) I Balding 9-0	K Fallon 2
4	6023	FOOT BATTALION 19 (G) R Hollinshead 8-11	F Lynch (3) 1
5	132	SAMSUNG SPIRIT 34 (S) E Weymes 8-6	J Fortune 3

7-4 Flaming West, 3-1 Brave Act, Papua, 5-1 Foot Battalion, 16-1 Samsung Spirit.

7.20 WARD'S THORNE BEST BITTER HANDICAP (£3,366: 7f) (15)

SKY

1	00-0	MASRUF 13 (F) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0	W Carson 14
2	00-6	EUPHYLLIA 28 (V,CD,F) Bob Jones 4-9-12	F Norton 6
3	3004	DAWALIB 12 (D,F,G) D Haydn Jones 6-9-10	A Mackay 3
4	0033	OCHOS RIOS 19 (C,D,F,G,S) B Rothwell 5-9-5	S Copp (5) 4
5	3003	SAMSOLOM 13 (C,D,F,G) P Howling 8-9-4	K Fallon 2
6	4136	ALLINSON'S MATE 21 (CD,F,G) T Barron 8-9-3	J Fortune 1
7	2346	ZAIN DANCER 8 (B,D) D Nicholls 4-9-2	Alex Greaves 5
8	0610	BLUSHING GRENADIER 22 (V,C,G,S) M Fetherston-Godley 4-9-2	F Lynch (3) 13
9	6213	SHONTAINE 3 (C,D,F,G) M Johnston 3-9-1	P Robinson 11
10	5001	SOAKING 22 (D,F,G) P Burgoyne 6-8-13	D R McCabe 12
11	5434	MONIS 10 (B,F) J Balding 5-8-8	J Edmunds (7) 8
12	2130	GREY KINGDOM 31 (D,BF,F) M Brittain 5-8-2	J Lowe 10
13	0544	PERCY PARK 40 M W Easterby 3-7-10	L Charnock 7
14	0-00	LADY PLOY 26 Mrs L Siddall 4-7-10	Darren Moffatt (3) 15
15	0046	TUTU SIXTYSIX 26 (F,G) E Incisa 5-7-10	Kim Tinkler 9

9-2 Ochos Rios, 5-1 Soaking, 6-1 Samsolom, 7-1 Blushing Grenadier, 8-1 Allinson's Mate, Zain Dancer, 10-1 Shontaine, 12-1 others

7.50 DONCASTER GOOSEHILL MARKET LIMITED STAKES (£3,132: 6f) (10)

SKY

1	1146	CRETAN GIFT 19 (B,D,BF,F,G) N Littmoden 5-9-7	T G McLaughlin 9
2	1342	ALMASI 13 (CD,F,G) C Wall 4-9-4	G Duffield 4
3	4021	ROYAL DOME 2 (F,G) M Ward 4-9-4	J Fortune 1
4	0000	BRECONGILL LAD 28 (D,F,G) Miss S Hall 4-9-1	N Connorton 3
5	0000	CALL ME I'M BLUE 23 (D,G,S) N Tinkler 6-9-1	M Birch 7
6	2345	HALMANERROR 23 (D,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 6-9-1	K Fallon 6
7	1-44	STATISTICIAN 12 (D,F) John Berry 4-9-1	Amy Clark (7) 2
8	3-00	SUPERBIT 17 (G) B McMahon 4-9-1	W Ryan 5
9	-103	DESERT LYNX 28 (D,G) T Watson 3-8-11	F Lynch (3) 10
10	3604	BAILEYS FIRST 8 M Johnston 3-8-6	P Robinson 9

5-2 Royal Dome, 3-1 Almasi, 9-2 Halmanerror, 6-1 Desert Lynx, 7-1 Baileys First, 8-1 Cretan Gift, 10-1 others

8.20 COME TO DONCASTER MARKETS CONDITIONS STAKES

SKY

(£5,395: 1m rnd) (10)

1	14-0	BISHOP OF CASHEL 97 (CD,BF,F,G,S) J Fanshawe 4-9-6	K Fallon 5
2	6242	BAND ON THE RUN 27 (CD,F,G,S) B McMahon 9-9-0	J Fortune 7
3	5326	CADEAUX TRYST 43 (F,G) E Dunlop 4-9-0	W Ryan 10
4	51	GREENSTEAD 22 (G) J Gosden 3-8-11	Dale Gibson 1
5	4162	PHANTOM QUEST 15 (D,BF,F) H Cecil 3-8-11	Pat Eddery 2
6	-003	LAP OF LUXURY 61 (CD,F,G) W Jarvis 7-8-9	B Thomson 3
7	1-05	BONARELLI 84 (D,F,G) M Stoute 3-8-7	P Robinson 9
8	216-	COMMITTAL 291 (G) (D) J Gosden 3-8-7	J Carroll 8
9	0120	CAPILANO PRINCESS 40 (C,F,S) D Haydn Jones 3-8-2	A Mackay 6
10	1-44	RUZNAMA 79 (F,G) (BF) B Hills 3-8-2	W Carson 4

3-1 Committal, 5-1 Ruznama, Cadeaux Tryst, 6-1 Phantom Quest, 7-1 Band On The Run, 8-1 Lap Of Luxury, Bonarelli, 10-1 others.

8.50 DAZZLING DONCASTER MARKETS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,235: 6f) (8)

SKY

1	-304	PHARMACY 15 (D,F) J Watts 9-7	G Duffield 3
2	6021	NO MONKEY NUTS 15 (D,F) J Berry 9-6	J Carroll 1
3	1131	U-NO-HARRY 20 (D,F) R Hollinshead 9-4	F Lynch (3) 4
4	-021	MIDDLE EAST 15 (D,F) T Barron 9-4	J Fortune 8
5	-533	MERRILY 15 Miss S Hall 9-3	K Fallon 5
6	0054	MYTTONS MISTAKE 20 (F) A Bailey 9-1	D Wright (3) 6
7	0015	BEE HEALTH BOY 15 (D,S) M W Easterby 8-6	G Parkin (5) 7
8	0010	BOLLIN DOROTHY 17 (S) T Easterby 8-4	M Birch 2

3-1 U-No-Harry, 7-2 Middle East, 4-1 Myttons Mistake, 9-2 Merrily, 6-1 No Monkey Nuts, 8-1 Pharmacy, 10-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Fetherston-Godley, 6 winners from 22 runners, 27.3%; H Cecil, 23 from 87, 26.4%; J Gosden, 32 from 143, 22.4%; M Stoute, 20 from 95, 21.1%; D Haydn Jones, 4 from 19, 21.1%; B Hills, 24 from 135, 17.8%; J Berry, 17 from 129, 13.2%; J Fanshawe, 6 from 51, 11.8%; E Weymes, 3 from 27, 11.1%.

JOCKEYS: B Thomson, 6 winners from 24 rides, 25.0%; Pat Eddery, 34 from 192, 17.7%; W Ryan, 22 from 150, 14.7%; W Carson, 29 from 208, 13.9%; J Carroll, 17 from 153, 11.1%; D R McCabe, 4 from 37, 10.8%; P Robinson, 9 from 87, 10.3%.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Goodwood

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m 4f) 1. SOUTHERN POWER (T Quinn, 7-2); 2. Sea Victor (M Hills, 10-1); 3. Unchanged (B Doyle, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Salmman (5th), 9-2 Mirador (6th), 7 Paradise Navy (4th), 10 Invest Wisely, 16 Colendge, 40 Cypress Avenue. 9 ran. NR: Bowcliffe Court. Nk, 1½l, 7l, 1l, 3½l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £4.10; £1.80, £2.00, £3.00. DF: £14.20. Trio: £74.10. CSF: £32.56. Tricast: £316.14.

2.45 (7f) 1. PUTRA (T Quinn, 100-30); 2. Grapeshot (K Darley, 9-1); 3. Equal Rights (J Reid, 13-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Sahm (disq), 13-2 Imperial President (5th), 8 Fun Galore, 12 Air Express (4th), 33 Belgravia. 9 ran. 2l, nk, 1½l, 1l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £4.40; £1.60, £2.60, £2.30. DF: £25.30. CSF: £28.94. After a stewards' inquiry, Sahm was disqualified and placed last.

3.20 (1m) 1. FIRST ISLAND (M Hills, 5-1); 2. Charnwood Forest (M J Kinane, Evens fav); 3. Alhaarth (K Darley, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Mahya, Sorbie Tower (4th), 12 Al-Royal, 25 Cayman Kai, Mistle Cat (6th), Restructure (5th), 40 Heart Lake. 10 ran. 1l, 1½l, ½l, sh hd, 5l. G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £5.30; £1.90, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £3.80. Trio: £17.30. CSF: £10.01. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.50 (1m 4f) 1. FREEQUENT (Pat Eddery, 9-1, Thunderer's nap); 2. Time Allowed (R Hills, 6-1); 3. Lakeline Legend (Emma O'Gorman, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Arabian Story (6th), 6 Frog, 7 Ambassador, 9 Al Shafa, Nador, 14 Sullington (5th), 16 Spillo (4th), 20 Legal Right, 33 Classic Eagle. 12 ran. NR: Three Hills. ¾l, 1¼l, 1l, 1½l, ½l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £10.60; £3.20, £2.30, £5.40. DF: £53.60. Trio: £354.50. CSF: £57.39. Tricast: £692.22.

4.25 (5f) 1. YOUDONTSAY (Dane O'Neill, 20-1); 2. Half Tone (N Varley, 10-1); 3. Runs In The Family (Martin Dwyer, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Bowcliffe Grange, 5 Friendly Brave, 8 Mister Jolson, 10 Tuscan Dawn (6th), 11 Bashful Brave (5th), Palacegate Jack, 14 Tinker Osmaston, 20 Barranak, Invocation (4th), 33 Mazzarello. 13 ran. Hd, ¾l, 1¼l, 1½l, nk. T Naughton at Epsom. Tote: £22.10; £5.30, £3.10, £3.40. DF: £155.30. Trio: £522.20. CSF: £183.33. Tricast: £2,975.77.

5.00 (6f) 1. IN COMMAND (M Hills, 6-5 fav); 2. Mile High (R Hughes, 10-1); 3. Orontes (Dane O'Neill, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Shuwaikh (4th), 13-2 High Extreme (6th), 8 Danka, 14 Select Choice, 50 Linden's Lad (5th). 8 ran. NR: Bubinto. ¾l, 5l, 3½l, 3½l, hd. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £1.50, £3.90. DF: £7.50. Trio: £90.80. CSF: £12.88.

5.35 (1m 1f) 1. PANATA (O Urbina, 8-1); 2. Iberian Dancer (M Henry, 11-1); 3. Blue Zulu (D Harrison, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Victorian Style, 5 Catch The Lights, 10 Svetlana, 12 Tael Of Silver (4th), 14 Kitty Kitty Cancan, Omara, 16 Ron's Secret (5th), 25 Royal Diversion (6th). 11 ran. NR: Devon Peasant, Jezyah. 1l, hd, nk, 1½l, nk. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £7.70; £2.80, £2.50, £2.70. DF: £36.40. Trio: £76.10. CSF: £75.72. Tricast: £565.41.

Jackpot: £67,352.60 (0.10 winning tickets; pool of £85,376.59 carried forward to Goodwood today).

Placepot: £565.00. Quadpot: £82.50.

Doncaster

Going: good to firm, firm in places

2.00 (1m 4f) 1. RUSHEN RAIDER (D McKeown, 3-1); 2. Westminster (P Robinson, 2-1 fav); 3. North Bear (O Pears, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Durham (4th), 11-2 Pickens (5th), 33 Hangonintherre (6th), High Flown. 7 ran. 1¾l, 2l, 2½l, 10l, 1½l. K Hogg at Isle Of Man. Tote: £4.40; £2.70, £1.80. DF: £4.70. CSF: £9.21. Bought in 5,600gns.

2.30 (7f) 1. MEDAALY (D Holland, 4-5 fav); 2. Further Outlook (K Fallon, 15-2); 3. Mrs Miniver (G Duffield, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Tasik Chini (6th), 8 Barnum Sands (4th), 12 Leviticus (5th), 20 Bollin Terry, River King. 8 ran. 2½l, ¾l, 1¾l, 1½l, 13l. Saeed bin Suroor at Newmarket. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.80, £1.60. DF: £4.40. CSF: £8.89.

3.05 (6f) 1. ROYAL APPLAUSE (K Fallon, 4-5 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2. Russian Revival (D Holland, 6-1); 3. Speed On (C Rutter, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Sergeyev (unseated rider), 8 Resounder (4th). 5 ran. NR: Elsaleet. Nk, 5l, 11l. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £1.80. DF: £4.60. CSF: £6.08.

3.35 (1m) 1. BLESSED SPIRIT (S Sanders, 7-2); 2. Fatefully (D Holland, 5-2 fav); 3. Tsarnista (G Carter, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Seeking Fortune (5th), 8 Kazimiera, Singapore Sting (4th), 14 Tabriz, 16 Dispol Diamond, Kirov Lady (6th). 9 ran. NR: Rebel County. Hd, 1½l, 4l, ¾l, ¾l. C Wall at Newmarket. Tote: £3.30; £1.70, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £2.40. Trio: £9.20. CSF: £13.44. Tricast: £38.83. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

4.10 (1m 2f 60yd) 1. CELESTIAL CHOIR (O Pears, 11-2); 2. Blurred (P Robinson, 10-1); 3. Rory (Amanda Sanders, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Overruled, 3 Advance East (4th), 5 Special-K (5th), 9 Flying North (6th), 10 Amusing Aside. 8 ran. Nk, 1¾l, hd, 5l, ½l. J Eyre at Thirsk. Tote: £6.40; £1.80, £2.50, £2.30. DF: £53.30. CSF: £54.35. Tricast: £409.80.

4.45 (5f) 1. OATEY (K Fallon, 13-2); 2. L A Touch (J Stack, 7-2 jt-fav); 3. Camionneur (J Lowe, 7-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Sharp Monty (5th), 9-2 Gagajulu, 10 Chemcast (6th), Pleasure Time, 12 Swifty Nifty, 14 Chalice (4th), 33 Fancy Clancy. 10 ran. 1l, 1¾l, nk, 3l, 1½l. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £13.10; £2.60, £1.80, £1.60. DF: £22.90. Trio: £36.20. CSF: £31.53. Tricast: £91.76.

Placepot: £35.80. Quadpot: £13.10.

☐ Mark Of Esteem, the 2,000 Guineas winner, will return to action at Goodwood on August 24. The Godolphin-owned colt has not run since finishing eighth in the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot.

King George winner Pentire to bypass International Stakes at York

PENTIRE, winner of last Saturday's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot, was the most notable absentee from the yesterday's acceptors for the 10½-furlong Juddmonte International Stakes at York on August 20.

His trainer, Geoff Wragg, is to keep the colt at a mile and a half in an autumn campaign involving the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Breeders' Cup and Japan Cup.

William Haggas has also taken Ascot third Shaamit out of the group one York contest as he is giving the Derby winner a break prior to a possible tilt at Irish Champion Stakes.

But the £200,000-added race could still offer a contest between last year's winner, Halling, and top three-year-olds Bijou D'Inde, Even Top and Glory Of Dancer. Bosra Sham could also have her first outing since victory in the Pertemps 1,000 Guineas in May.

William Hill yesterday left their betting on the Tote-Ebor Handicap unchanged despite the withdrawal of three leading fancies. Royal Ascot winners Gordi (quoted at 12-1) and Tykeyvor (16-1) and Chester Cup victor Merit (16-1) were each taken out of the York feature at the forfeit stage.

Hills bet: 6-1 Harbour Dues, 10-1 Beauchamp Jade, 12-1 Celeric, 14-1 Ambassador, Snow Princess, Top Cees, 16-1 Better Offer, Corradini, Desert Frolic, Foundry Lane, Monarch, Mystic Hill, Private Song, 20-1 bar.

Chancery Division

Law Report August 1 1996

Collateral contract must be certain

Wake and Another v Renault (UK) Ltd

Before Mr Justice Robert Walker

[Judgment July 25]

When a main contract was embodied in formal legal documents, the terms of any contract collateral to it had to be certain and any assurances binding, as distinct from mere statements of present intention or policy. Such collateral contracts had, however, the attraction for a manufacturer operating on standard forms of contract of enabling it to be confidentially flexible, while insisting that it never altered such forms.

Mr Justice Robert Walker so held in the Chancery Division when granting Harry Wake and Eastgate Motor Company (Lincoln) Ltd final injunctions restraining Renault (UK) Ltd from:

1 Acting on a notice dated September 26, 1995 purporting to give Eastgate 12 months notice of termination of its dealer agreement, or on a variation notice of May 9, 1996; and

2 Giving any further termination notices (as specified) during the *period from the judgment* until the earlier of (i) September 30, 2002 and (ii) the date when Mr Wake ceased to be chief executive and in full-time management of Eastgate; and

3 Granting to any other person any new franchise affecting the Lincoln area during that injunction period; provided that

(a) the parties be at liberty to enter into new agreements meeting the requirements of European *competition law*

(b) Renault retained all its rights to terminate its agreements with Eastgate for due cause, to vary its consignment agreement with Eastgate in good faith and for purposes connected with the proper functioning of the latter

(c) Renault could apply to discharge or modify the injunction in the event of any significant change of circumstances.

Mr Robert Hantusch for the plaintiffs; Mr Terence Mowschenson, QC and Mr Martin Hutchings for Renault

MR JUSTICE ROBERT WALKER said that the case raised a familiar problem: whether the terms of standard-form commercial documents, prepared by a large company, had been varied or *overridden by an informal*, collateral contract.

Mr Wake, operations director of Mann Egerton's Renault branches until taking early retirement in 1990, had been well known and respected by Renault directors. In 1989 Mann Egerton had sold its Lincoln branch, with the Renault dealership, to a company which ran into difficulties and turned for help to Mr Wake.

A Renault memorandum of *April 23, 1991 signed* by Mr Garfath, who reported to Mr Mead, the dealer planning manager, recommended support at an increased level for the Lincoln branch "subject to Mr Wake acquiring control".

Negotiations ensued: after a meeting arranged by Mr Wake at Mr Mead's request on May 8, 1991 a talk ensued between the two, at which, according to Mr Wake, he was offered a permanent franchise *if he would take over the Lincoln* company, which he had by then been running for some months.

Two more oral exchanges ensued: on June 4; and immediately after Mr Mead had on June 13 written a letter of offer, duly countersigned by Mr Wake, including the words "in the unlikely event of the termination of the dealer agreement", to Mr Wake, according to whom Mr Mead had then said Mr Wake could not expect Renault to rewrite its own dealership agreement "just for him", but termination was not expected "so long as he was there as chief executive".

A rescue package, to which Mr Wake contributed £75,000, ensued: the company then steadily recovered.

On September 27, 1995, without warning or discussion, Mr Wake got from Renault formal 12 months' notice of termination. He at once tried to establish telephone contact with Renault officials, from managing director downwards. None returned his calls, deeply unattractive behaviour.

A writ and application for an interlocutory injunction ensued, stood over on undertakings. On May 9, Renault made another *unexpected move*: a fax from its corporate affairs manager required the company to return all vehicles held by it under clause 6 of its consignment agreement and varied that agreement by reducing "with immediate effect the maximum consignment period from 180 to 7 days".

Four issues arose, and had to be answered as follows:

1 Did Mr Mead, from whom his Lordship had neither oral evidence *nor any written statement under* the Civil Evidence Act, although described by Renault's solicitor, in an interlocutory affidavit, as a "crucial witness", give Mr Wake oral assurances which were sufficiently definite to be capable of constituting a binding collateral contract?

Yes: Mr Wake committed himself and Eastgate to that contract on June 17, 1992, by countersigning Mr Mead's letter dated June 13.

2 What were its terms?

Renault's promise was that so long as Mr Wake was chief executive and controlling shareholder of Eastgate, neither the dealer nor the consignment agreement would be terminated by notice.

3 Did Mr Mead have actual or ostensible authority to bind Renault?

Yes: with the actual authority of Renault acting by its managing director, for whose absence during the hearing there was no explanation, apart from Mr Mowschenson's observation that Renault was not bound to call him, on June 4, 1992.

4 Should the plaintiffs be granted injunctive relief and in what terms?

Yes, in terms as stated above. The most recent authority was *Co-Operative Insurance Society Ltd v Argyll Stores (Holdings) Ltd (The Times* December 29, 1995; [1996] 3 WLR 27) in which the Appeals Committee of the House of Lords had granted leave to appeal.

After reviewing 17 other authorities, his Lordship was fully satisfied that damages would not be an adequate remedy for the plaintiffs.

Solicitors: Chattertons, Horncastle; Iliffes Booth Bennett, Uxbridge.

Chancery Division

Football League is open to review

Stevenage Borough Football Club Ltd v The Football League Ltd

Before Mr Justice Carnwath

[Judgment July 23]

Although the Football League was an independent body it was part of the elaborate structure established for the control of professional football in the interests of the public generally.

Therefore, if the league's rules were shown to be arbitrary or capricious they were open to review by the courts but the onus was on those who made the challenge to establish their case. However, due to delay in bringing proceedings to challenge the league's rules the court refused to grant the relief sought.

Mr Justice Carnwath sitting in the Chancery Division dismissed an action by Stevenage Borough Football Club Ltd for an injunction restraining the league from imposing its criteria for membership of the league so as to refuse Stevenage admission to the Football League Ltd.

Mr Nicholas Stewart, QC, for Stevenage; Mr Murray Rosen, QC, Mr Tim Kerr and Miss Marie Demetriou for the league.

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH said that in May 1996 Stevenage finished top of the GM Vauxhall Football Conference, the league of semi-professional football clubs immediately below the three divisions forming the Football League. In principle that would entitle them to be promoted to the third division.

However, under the league's rules, promotion depended upon Stevenage satisfying certain admission criteria, including requirements relating to ground capacity, which had to be satisfied at the end of December in the previous year, and financial criteria which had to be satisfied in respect of accounts for the current and previous years.

Stevenage did not satisfy those criteria at the relevant dates, although following completion of works currently in train, they expected to be able to satisfy them before the beginning of the new season in August.

If Stevenage were promoted, the bottom club in the third division, Torquay United, would be relegated. Stevenage challenged the criteria on the ground that they were in restraint of trade and unreasonable.

His Lordship said that it was clear that as between the parties the onus of showing that a restraint was reasonable lay upon the party seeking to impose it.

That was clearly apt for the ordinary contractual situation where the purpose of the restriction was to protect a private commercial interest. But where the restraint was part of a system of control imposed by a body exercising regulatory powers in the public interest, different considerations arose.

Such control might be attacked as "pernicious monopoly" or in more modern language as "arbitrary or capricious". But where the system of control itself could be *seen as in the public interest*, then in his Lordship's view, the onus was on those seeking to challenge it to show that the particular rules under attack were unreasonable in the narrow sense.

In the present case, the distinction between the private and public aspect was important from both parties' point of view. As between Stevenage and the league, viewed as purely private bodies, there was no legal nexus, and nothing unreasonable about the position adopted by the league.

Stevenage was simply an applicant for membership of the league. The league was a company owned by its member clubs who were themselves private trading organisations.

The question of justifying the restraint did not arise since it offended no legal principle binding on the league. Nor was Stevenage prevented from its business of playing football within the Vauxhall Conference or any other group of clubs which was prepared to have it as a member.

However, when one looked at the matter more generally different considerations arose. The league was not simply an independent body.

It was an important part of the elaborate structure established for the control of professional football in the interests of the participants and the public generally. That included the Premier League, the league itself, the conference and the other groups comprising the so called "pyramid of football".

If admission criteria were shown to be arbitrary or capricious in effect, whether because of the way in which they were formulated or in the way in which they were applied, they were, in his Lordship's view, open to challenge. But the onus was on those who made the challenge to establish their case.

Two elements of the criteria were found to be open to objection on the ground of restraint of trade: (i) the requirement to carry out ground improvements to achieve a capacity of 6,000 before it was known whether the club was going to be able to qualify for promotion; and (ii) the imposition of financial criteria on entrance to the third division without any corresponding criteria imposed upon existing clubs.

His Lordship doubted whether those objections were so serious as to justify the terms "arbitrary or capricious". However, the question of discretion was critical and his Lordship was concerned by the issues of delay and prejudice to third parties.

It was said that it would be unreasonable to expect Stevenage to commence expensive legal proceedings until they knew that they had won the competition. That might seem fair from their point of view, but it was not in his Lordship's view fair to all the others involved.

Metaphors such as "level playing fields" and "moving the goal-posts" were familiar in legal expositions of principles of fairness, but they were particularly apt in this case.

It would have been open to Stevenage, together with any other clubs in the Vauxhall Conference who thought they might be affected, to challenge the rules at the beginning of the season.

That of course involved the commercial risk that they might not in the end benefit from successful litigation, but the fact that there was such a risk did not make it unreasonable to expect them to have done so.

The advantage would have been that the validity of the criteria could have been tested well before the December deadline and the league and the conference would have had an opportunity to make alternative arrangements.

Torquay's position was of particular relevance. The change from the league to the conference necessarily affected sponsorship, players' contracts and the planning of the season. It was unfair to them that they should be left in uncertainty until very shortly before the new season.

Features of the league's current arrangements did require reconsideration if they were to resist challenges on restraint of trade principles in the future. The proper forum for that was within the structures established by the Football Association and the other responsible bodies.

Although the court had jurisdiction in an extreme case to set aside such rules, the current criteria were accepted for the 1995-96 season not only by Stevenage itself but by the representative bodies at all levels of the hierarchy, including the association of which Stevenage was a member.

The present challenge had come too late and was therefore dismissed.

Solicitors: Goldsmith Williams, Liverpool; Edge & Ellison.

Distinguishing equipment and construction

Bradley (Inspector of Taxes) v London Electricity plc

Before Mr Justice Blackburne

[Judgment July 24]

Expenditure incurred by London Electricity plc on the structure of an underground substation in Leicester Square for transforming electricity did not qualify for allowances under section 24 of the Capital Allowances Act 1990, previously section 44 of the Finance Act 1971.

A distinction had to be made between the expenditure on the earthing system and equipment installed within the structure, that qualified for the allowances, and that incurred on the construction of the substation itself that formed the premises from which the trade was carried on and thus did not qualify.

Mr Justice Blackburne so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division when allowing an appeal by the Crown from a determination of a special commissioner (Mr D. A. Shirley) in November 1994 that had upheld in principle London Electricity's claim to capital allowances in respect of the entirety of its expenditure on the provision of the substation.

Mr Michael Furness for the Crown; Mr Peter Whiteman, QC, for London Electricity.

MR JUSTICE BLACKBURNE said that interred two metres below the paved surface of Leicester Square was the substation. It was a considerable structure: 12 metres high, 43 metres from east to west and 18 metres from north to south. Electricity passed into it via 132,000 volt cables where it was transformed by three transformers into 11,000 volts. It then passed out of the substation by means of 11,000 volt cables to join the network serving central London.

The appeal raised again the question whether a building or structure was plant for the purposes of the legislation relating to capital allowances. The expenditure disallowed by the Crown was that on works preparatory to the construction of the substation, including the excavation of the site, and that on the construction of the substation.

London Electricity's primary contention, accepted by the commissioner, was that the whole of the substation, that is, the structure and the equipment within, was a single functioning entity and as such was a single unit of plant for capital allowances purposes.

The Crown, while accepting that the structure and the equipment housed within it were designed together, contended that the structure of the substation should be viewed as a single structure or building, separate from the equipment within, and that, as such, it functioned not as plant but as the premises from within which London Electricity's trade was carried on.

The essential question was, as Lord Justice Nourse had put it in *Gray v Seymours Garden Centre (Horticulture) (The Times* April 7, 1993; [1993] 2 All ER 809), whether what was identified before the commissioner as the structure of the substation, that is, those items identified by the Crown as "the premises", as distinct from the equipment within, which it was common ground constituted plant used in the trade, could reasonably be called apparatus with which the business was carried on as opposed to the premises in which it was carried on.

The commissioner concluded that it was "more appropriate to describe the structure as apparatus for carrying on the business than as the premises in which the business was conducted ... the substation was designed, constructed and operated as one. It functioned as one ... it could not be used for anything else..."

Clearly the commissioner had in mind the "premises test" articulated by Mr Justice Hoffmann in *Wimpy International Ltd v Warland* ([1988] 61 TC 51, 81-82).

But the difficulty about his conclusion was, as Mr Furness had pointed out, that he had failed to identify what the plant-like function was that the structure as a single entity played in London Electricity's business, other than that of housing the equipment within.

It was not enough to point to particular features of parts of the structure which performed plant-like functions in London Electricity's business, and conclude from those features that it was more appropriate to describing the structure as a whole, rather than its parts, as apparatus for carrying on the business than as the premises in which the business was carried on.

It was necessary to ask, as had Lord Justice Fox in the *Wimpy* case (at p97), what the function was of the item in question, in this case the structure as a whole. What did that structure function as?

It was the absence of any plant-like function performed by the structure as a whole that distinguished the case from *IRC v Barclay, Curle & Co Ltd* ([1969] 1 WLR 675, HL (Sc)) where a dry dock was held to be plant, and *Schofield v R. & H. Hall Ltd* ((1974) 49 TC 538, CA (NI)) where a grain silo was held to be plant.

The commissioner had failed to ask himself what plant-like function the structure as an entity performed in London Electricity's trading activity. If he had, the true and only reasonable conclusion he could have come to was that the structure functioned as the premises in which the trading activity was carried on rather than the apparatus with which it was carried on.

The structure of the substation was no more plant than the purpose-built kennels in *Carr v Sayer (The Times* April 15, 1992; (1992) 65 TC 15), the specially designed planteria in *Gray v Seymour Garden Centre* or the car wash halls in *Attwood v Anduff Car Wash Ltd (The Times* December 11, 1995; [1996] STC 110).

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Denton Hall.

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LEGAL NOTICES

In the High Court of Justice
No 003924 of 1996
Chancery Division
Companies Court
In the Matter of
KAY'S FOOD GROUP PLC
and In the Matter of
The Companies Act 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice on 12th July 1996 for the confirmation of the cancellation of the share premium account and the reduction of share capital of the above named Company by £1,329,995.22 from £4,329,995.22 to £3,000,000.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition referred to above is directed to be heard before the Registrar of Companies Court on 14th August 1996 at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL.

ANY creditor or shareholder of the above named Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital or cancellation of share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the Petition referred to above will be furnished to any such person requiring it by the solicitors for the above named Company on payment of the regulated charge.

Dated this 1st day of August 1996
PINSENT CURTIS,
3 Colmore Circus, Birmingham, B4 6BH, Tel: 0121-200 1050, (Ref: AH/49215 0013 VJ.L) Solicitors for the above named Company.

CLASSIC DINERS OF AMERICA LIMITED - IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered Number: 2628568
Trading Name: Fat Boys Diner
Nature of Business: Restaurant
Trade classification: 49
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 29th July 1996
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Trevor Gulliver
P S Dunn and M J C Oldham Joint Administrative Receivers (Office Holder Numbers 2268 and 7817) of [illegible] Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FE.

CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
Notice to creditors
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF TMS REALISATIONS LIMITED (FORMERLY TEAM MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) (LIMITED) (IN LIQUIDATION)

On 1 July 1996 the company was placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation. GI Bennet and PN Spratt of Price Waterhouse, 58 Albany Street, Edinburgh, EH1 3QR have been appointed liquidators.

Creditors of the company are requested to send details in writing, of their claims against the company to the liquidators at the above address.

Claims need not be in any particular form. The liquidators reserve their right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.

23 July 1996
GI Bennet
Joint Liquidator

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Datix International Limited
In Liquidation

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at the offices of Ernst & Young, Compass House, 80 Newmarket Road, Cambridge CB5 8DZ on the 6th day of August 1996 at 11.00 am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged at Ernst & Young, Compass House, 80 Newmarket Road, Cambridge CB5 8DZ not later than 12 noon on the business day prior to the meeting. A statement of claim must also be lodged.

NOTICE is also given that for the purpose of voting, secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and the value at which they estimate it.

A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the above-named company may be inspected at the offices of Ernst & Young, Compass House, 80 Newmarket Road, Cambridge CB5 8DZ between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm on the two business days preceding the meeting.

Dated this 26th day of July 1996
D R Balls - Director

In the matter of Dovetail Cabinetmakers Limited
and
in the matter of
the Insolvency Act 1986

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above company will be held pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 at Fourth Floor, The Fountain Precinct, 1 Balm Green, Sheffield S1 3AF, on 16 August 1996 at 11.00am for the purpose of receiving the report of the administrative receivers and, if thought fit, appointing a creditors' committee. A creditor will be entitled to vote only if a written statement of claim is submitted to me at the above address by 12 noon on 16 August 1996 and if the claim is admitted for voting purposes. Any proxies that are intended to be used must be submitted to me before the meeting.

A creditor whose claim is wholly secured is not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Unsecured creditors of the company may obtain a copy of the Administrative Receivers' statutory report, free of charge, by writing to me at the above address.

Date 29 July 1996
RCJ Taylor
Joint Administrative Receiver

Post Form Products Limited
Company Number: 00773038

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at The Reigate Manor Hotel, Reigate Hill, Reigate, Surrey on 2 August 1996 at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act, the appointment of a Liquidator and a Liquidation Committee.

Mr D S Coakley of Leach Bright & Partners, Connaught House, Alexandra Terrace, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 3DA is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the company and will furnish creditors with such information concerning the company's affairs as is reasonably required.

Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged with the company's registered office at Leach Bright & Partners, Connaught House, Alexandra Terrace, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 3DA not later than 12 noon on 1 August 1996.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
N Lintott Esq
Director
Date: 22 July 1996

IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
NC3 LIMITED
(formerly Midas Group Limited)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above company are required, on or before 30 September 1996, to send in their full names and addresses, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to me, Stephen James Hobson of Francis Clark, 23 Devon Square, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ12 2HU, the Liquidator of the above company and if so required by notice in writing from me, are personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

This notice appears as a formal requirement only. The company is being liquidated in the course of a solvent reorganisation of the Midas group of companies and all known creditors of this company have been or will be paid in full.

Dated 1 August 1996
S J Hobson
LIQUIDATOR

SERVIS HOME SERVICES LIMITED
(In Compulsory Liquidation)
FINAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is in Compulsory Liquidation, are required, on or before 30th August 1996 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned J.A. Talbot of Arthur Andersen, 1 Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 1BD, Liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing from the Liquidator, are personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

J.A. Talbot, Liquidator

STUDYHOME 1991 LIMITED
Company number 2358367
NOTICE PURSUANT TO
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
SECTION 175
PURCHASE OF SHARES
FROM CAPITAL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

1 By a special resolution of the shareholders of the above-named Company approved on 29 July 1996 the payment out of the capital of £719,392.76 for the purpose of the Company acquiring 832225 ordinary shares of 90p each.

2 The full list of members whose shares are being repurchased is available for inspection at the registered office of the Company situated at The Old Mill, Park Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5BS.

3 The amount of the permissible capital payment as defined by Sections 170, 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985 was 719,392.76.

4 The statutory declaration of the directors' and the auditors' report required by section 173 of the said Act are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company situated at The Old Mill, Park Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5BS.

Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the period of five weeks immediately following 29 July 1996 (being the date of the above-mentioned special resolution) apply to the High Court under Section 176 of the said Act for an order prohibiting payment.

IN THE MATTER OF
BUCKINGHAM CANDY LIMITED
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 25 July 1996, I, Malvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.

M J Carter
Liquidator
Dated this twenty fifth day of July 1996

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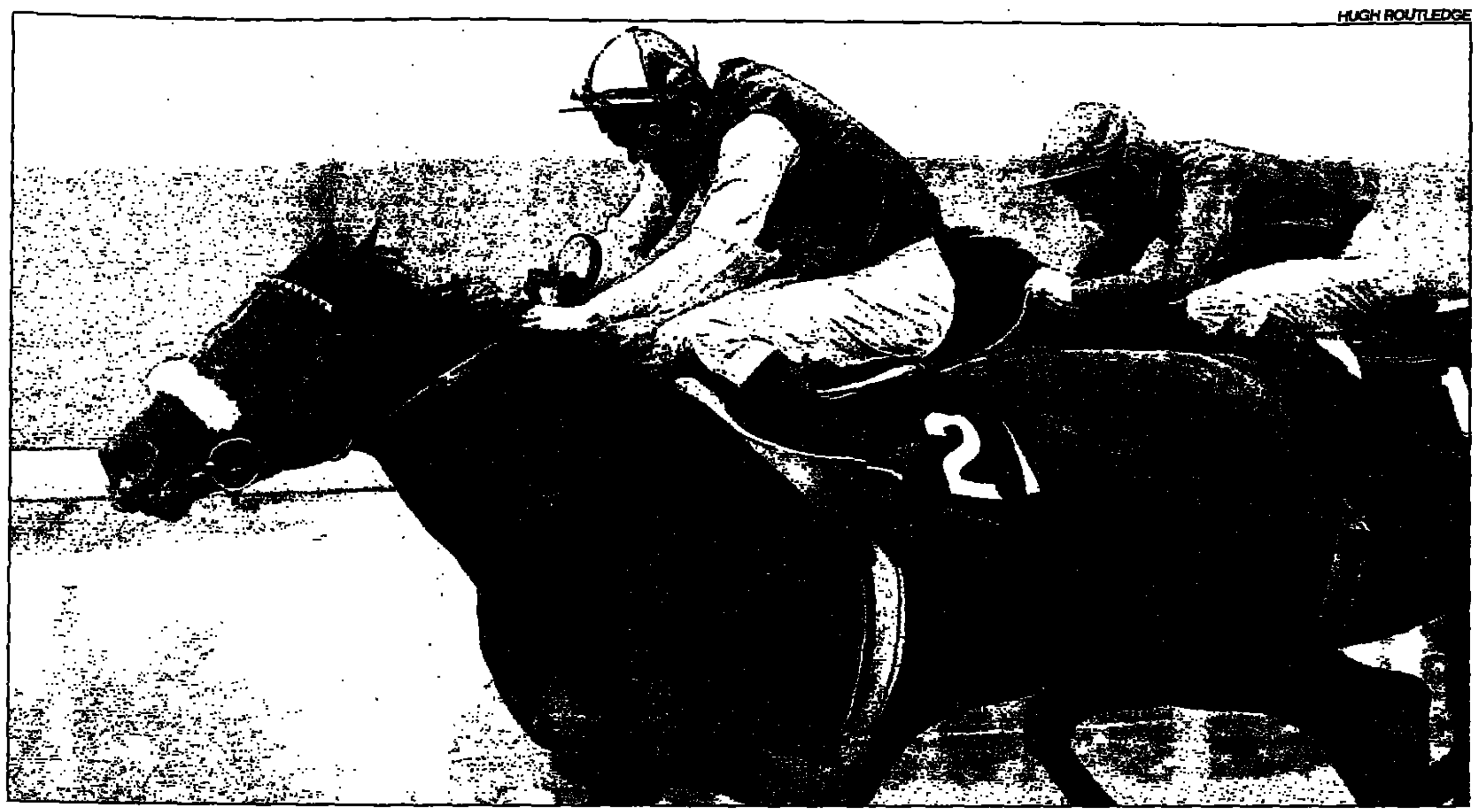
RACING: DERBY-WINNING JOCKEY GAINS ANOTHER MAJOR SUCCESS IN SPARKLING SEASON

First Island shines in Sussex Stakes

By Richard Evans,
Racing Correspondent

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



First Island, ridden by Hills, shows a fine turn of foot to beat Charnwood Forest in the group one Sussex Stakes at Goodwood yesterday

EVEN the best friends of the identical Hills twins have trouble telling the two jockeys apart, but their contrasting fortunes at Goodwood yesterday were there for all to see after the two principal races of the day.

Having won the Derby and King George this season, Michael can do no wrong and as the gaps appeared at the right time in the Sussex Stakes he came from last on First Island to win the group one prize and so become the first jockey since Lester Piggott in 1977 to complete such an august treble.

While he enjoyed another bumper pay-day, Richard, his younger brother by half an hour, was landed with an unwanted holiday after the stewards took exception to his riding of the strongly fancied Sahm in the Lanson Champagne Stakes and gave him a seven day ban for irresponsible riding. Sahm, who had finished second to the Paul Cole-trained Putra, was relegated to last.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BEND WAVY
(3.50 Goodwood)
Next best: *Easycall*
(2.45 Goodwood)

Throughout this meeting a rather too enthusiastic racecourse announcer has deemed it right in between races to regularly promise spectators there were still many "good things" to come. With the first nine favourites at the meeting having been vanquished, most punters would have been happy to find one good thing, but in the Sussex Stakes they clearly believed they had located the increasingly rare specimen in the shape of Charnwood Forest, the four-length winner of the Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot.

The "professional" punters weighed in with the amateurs. One bet of £25,000 to £20,000 was backed up by a handful of £10,000 wagers to force his price down to evens.

However, no amount of cash can make a horse run faster and although favourite backers must have been optimistic as Michael Kinane extricated Charnwood Forest from behind a wall of horses to strike the front inside the final quarter-mile, their hopes were short-lived.

First Island was last entering the home straight but Hills, riding with a confidence gained from championship successes on Shaamit and Pentire, had decided deliberately to follow Kinane and the favourite. As Charnwood Forest made his move, First Island travelled ominously well in his slipstream.

The closing stages were almost a replica of the King George as Hills, again wearing the colours of Mollers Racing, cruised up alongside the leader a furlong out before quickening clear.

The late Eric and Budgie Moller enjoyed their fair share of success as owners, but nothing compared to the triumphs of horses financed by a trust set up to survive them. However, their forethought has contributed to Geoff Wragg enjoying the most successful week in his distinguished career — and the glory days are far from over.

"He's improving all the time. We will keep him in training next year, and I would not be afraid to run him over 1½ miles," Wragg said. In the meantime, the Juddmonte International Stakes at York is a possibility along with the Irish Champion Stakes.

Some of the best two-year-olds to have made the racecourse this season lined up for the Champagne Stakes and Putra earned quotes ranging from 14-1 to 20-1 for next season's 2,000 Guineas after showing a good turn of foot to land the spoils. It is difficult to assess the form, given the slow early gallop, along with the trouble encountered by Sahm.

However, Willie Carson, who would have ridden Sahm if he had recovered in time from his bad fall at Newmarket last week, was surprised by his defeat. "I am very disappointed. Before the race I thought that was my 2,000 Guineas horse for next year. Maybe the winner is a very good horse."

Bend Wavy can roll over rivals

GOODWOOD
BBC2

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.15: In a race with limited betting appeal, **Ela-Yie-Mou** looks to have sound each-way prospects. Richard Hughes, who won on Luca Cumani's runner at Nottingham in May, is back on board and it could be worth forgiving the Kris colt a disappointing run when stepping back in trip at Salisbury last time. Infamous and Jazz King are closely matched on their run behind Arabian Story and should appreciate the extra quarter-mile.

2.45: This is a substandard running of the Richmond Stakes and there could be an upset. Raphane, second to Tipsy Creek in the Norfolk Stakes and subsequent winner of the Curragh Stakes, is the form choice but does not look the easiest of rides. Alan Jarvis is double-handed with Roman Imp and Proud Native, the latter being preferred after winning the Woodcote Stakes at Epsom 54 days ago. Although **Easycall** needs to improve to win this group two race, Brian Meehan's speedy colt looks up to it after impressive victories at Leicester and Newmarket. Today's extra furlong should hold no terrors.

3.20: A strong pace looks likely with the front-running Grey Shot returning to action. A reproduction of the form which saw him run Double Trigger to a head at Ascot back in early May would give Ian Balding's stayer a squeak but he has been a shade disappointing in his two subsequent runs. Lear White has made the frame in decent group races this year but is far from sure to see out this trip and this could turn into a battle between Kalabo and the progressive Persian Punch. **Kalabo**, third to Pentire and Classic Cliche in the King Edward VII Stakes at Ascot last year, has looked as good as ever this term when winning at Chester and Newmarket and there is every prospect he will improve over this trip.

3.50: Missile is likely to be a short-priced favourite and while he holds an obvious chance after his runaway success at Newmarket (for which he only has a 7lb penalty) the expected odds in an 18-runner handicap justify looking for value elsewhere. Almuhimm, twice a winner of decent seven furlongs handicaps, was denied a clear run in the Bunbury Cup last time and should appreciate today's trip. However, a tendency to start slowly is a worry round here and **Bend Wavy** is the choice. He won at Beverley with something to spare last month having previously failed to stay here over an extra quarter-mile.

Richard Evans

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2.00 Oberon's Dart. 2.30 Le Shuttle. 3.05 Song Of Skye. 3.35 Lady Godiva. 4.10 Young Annabel. 4.45 Mazilla.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
2.00 **NEVER THINK TWICE.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
4.10 Young Annabel.

GOING: GOOD
DRAW 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 THURNE HANDICAP
(£3,596. 6f 3yd) (10 runners)

1	(8)	3110	INDIAN RELATIVE 24 (D,F) R Guest 3-10-0	D Griffiths (5)	91
2	(5)	3131	CHEEKY CHAPPY 3 (B,CD,F,S) D Chapman 5-10-0 (7ex)	J Quinn	94
3	(7)	-812	OBERON'S DART 34 (G) P Makin 3-9-11	R Havlin (5)	90
4	(9)	5000	PERSIAN BUTTERFLY 3 (V) I Campbell 4-9-7	G Carter	89
5	(6)	4232	RED ADMIRAL 3 (CD,F,G) C Murray 6-9-6	D McKeown	90
6	(10)	0203	RAMBOLD 8 (D,F,G) N Berry 5-9-3	R Perham	91
7	(1)	-000	SPANISH STRIPPER 31 (D,F) M Chapman 5-9-3	C Scally (7)	87
8	(2)	5003	REGAL FANFARE 26 (B,D,F) Mrs Stubbs 4-9-2	J Hornam (7)	85
9	(4)	0341	NEVER THINK TWICE 10 (B,D,F) K Ivory 3-8-7 (7ex)	N Adams	[illegible]
10	(3)	0600	FIRST OPTION 16 (D,F,G,S) R Bastiman 6-7-10	D Wright (3)	90

3-1 Cheeky Chappy, 7-2 Oberon's Dart, 5-1 Indian Relative, Rambold, 6-1 Red Admiral, Never Think Twice, 12-1 Regal Fanfare, 14-1 others

2.30 BASTWICK SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,364: 6f 3yd) (8)

1	(2)	3005	GROVEFAIR FLYER 16 (B,F) B Meehan 9-2	D Sweeney (7)	91
2	(1)	0510	EMMAS BREEZE 14 (C,F) C Dwyer 8-11	J Quinn	84
3	(4)	466	VICTORY AT HART 3 (V) I Campbell 8-11	N Day	–
4	(3)	3323	ABSTONE QUEEN 6 (B) P Evans 8-6	G Carter	89
5	(8)	03	BREFFNI 9 C Allen 8-6	T G McLaughlin	[illegible]
6	(7)	040	LE SHUTTLE 13 M Tompkins 8-6	P Robinson	93
7	(5)	33	MARSH MARIGOLD 20 M Meade 8-6	R Perham	82
8	(6)	6	TIROL'S TREASURE 9 K Ivory 9-6	N Adams	–

9-4 Breffni, 11-4 Grovefair Flyer, 7-2 Emmas Breeze, 5-1 Abstone Queen, 7-1 Le Shuttle, Marsh Marigold, 10-1 others.

3.05 COTMAN CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,749: 5f 43yd) (4)

1	(1)	63	ANOKATO 14 (B) K Ivory 8-11	C Scally (7)	78
2	(2)	513	HEAD OVER HEELS 12 (D,F) J Gosden 8-9	W Ryan	[illegible]
3	(4)	1	SONG OF SKYE 13 (D,F) T Naughton 8-9	G Carter	90
4	(3)	21	SOUS LE NEZ 15 (D,F) R Guest 8-9	D Griffiths (5)	80

5-4 Head Over Heels, 6-4 Song Of Skye, 7-2 Sous Le Nez, 14-1 Anokato

3.35 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,070: 7f 3yd) (7)

1	(6)	0	MS ZIMAN 22 M Bell 8-4	R Mullen (7)	–
2	(2)	2	UNDERCOVER AGENT 12 J Dunlop 8-3	G Carter	[illegible]
3	(1)	40	JANGLYNYVE 64 S Woods 8-2	D Biggs	61
4	(7)	02	LADY GODIVA 35 M Polglase 8-1	N Carlisle	90
5	(4)	632	RIVER OF FORTUNE 22 M Tompkins 8-1	P Robinson	81
6	(5)		FONTCAUDETTE J Banks 8-0	J Quinn	–
7	(3)	03	IVORY DAWN 12 K Ivory 7-13	N Adams	69

8-11 Undercover Agent, 4-1 River Of Fortune, 9-2 Lady Godiva, 12-1 Janglynyve, 14-1 Ms Ziman, 16-1 Fontcaudette, 20-1 Ivory Dawn.

4.10 WROXHAM HANDICAP (£3,179: 7f 3yd) (8)

1	(1)	2211	NASHAAT 8 (CD,F,G,S) M Chapman 9-10-5 (6ex)	P McCabe (3)	92
2	(3)	5114	WILD PALM 9 (V,C,D,F,G,S) W O'Gorman 4-10-0	Emma O'Gorman	94
3	(2)	6-00	THUNDER RIVER 86 (V,CD,F,G) M Heaton-Ellis 6-9-4	Amanda Sanders (5)	90
4	(6)	6001	YOUNG ANNABEL 10 (D,G) C Dwyer 3-9-2 (6ex)	T Ives	95
5	(4)	1453	IVORY'S GRAB HIRE 16 (B,D,F) K Ivory 3-8-12	C Scally (7)	96
6	(5)	5542	AWESOME VENTURE 9 (D,G,S) M Chapman 6-8-7	D R McCabe	97
7	(8)	0021	GREAT BEAR 5 (F,G) D Chapman 4-8-5 (6ex)	J Quinn	[illegible]
8	(7)	0000	RASMI 13 P Howling 5-7-10	D Wright (3)	–

5-2 Great Bear, 11-4 Wild Palm, 3-1 Nashaat, 5-1 Young Annabel, 7-1 Ivory's Grab Hire, Awesome Venture, 14-1 Thunder River, 20-1 Rasmi

4.45 DAMGATE FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,261: 1m 2f 21yd) (9)

1	(7)	3304	MA PETITE ANGLAISE 10 (F,G) W Jarvis 4-10-0	T Thomas (7)	90
2	(5)	5262	PASSAGE CREEPING 7 L Cumani 3-9-5	Jo Hunnam (7)	[illegible]
3	(6)	3-43	DIVINE 29 (BF) A Stewart 3-9-13	S Whitworth	95
4	(2)	0122	PARSA 27 (D,BF,F) J Dunlop 3-8-12	G Carter	92
5	(4)	31	TITCHWELL LASS 34 (D,F) J Banks 3-8-11	R Mullen (7)	92
6	(9)	1411	MAZILLA 12 (D,F,G) A Streeter 4-8-10	R Havlin (5)	96
7	(1)	0545	FIKRA 17 S Woods 3-8-8	D Biggs	88
8	(8)	-002	DANCING DESTINY 15 R Bastiman 4-8-3	D Wright (3)	92
9	(3)	3-00	PAT'S SPLENDOUR 12 (F) H Collingridge 5-8-1	J Quinn	83

5-2 Parsa, 3-1 Ma Petite Anglaise, 7-2 Passage Creeping, 5-1 Divine, 8-1 Titchwell Lass, Mazilla, 10-1 Dancing Destiny, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 20 winners from 86 runners, 23.3%; L Cumani, 14 from 75, 18.7%; M Bell, 14 from 85, 16.5%; C Dwyer, 3 from 19, 15.8%; R Bastiman, 3 from 22, 13.6%; W O'Gorman, 5 from 38, 13.2%.

JOCKEYS: P McCabe, 6 winners from 31 rides, 19.4%; W Ryan, 22 from 133, 16.5%; P Robinson, 22 from 150, 14.7%; Emma O'Gorman, 4 from 29, 13.8%; G Carter, 7 from 60, 11.7%; D R McCabe, 4 from 38, 10.5%.

☐ *Zamindar*, a full-brother to the brilliant miler, Zafonic, attempts to enhance his reputation in the Prix de Cabourg over six furlongs at Deauville today.

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER
2.15 Sharaf
2.45 Easycall
3.20 Kalabo
3.50 **ALMUHIMM** (nap)
4.25 Quintellina
5.00 Top Of The Form
5.35 Pay Homage

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.50 ***MISSILE*** (nap). 4.25 Quintellina.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING — SIS

2.15 HEYSHOTT RATED HANDICAP
BBC2
(3-Y-O: £9,716: 1m 6f) (11 runners)

101	(1)	2-15401	BENATOM 22 (F,G) (T Harris) H Cecil 9-7	Pat Eddery	96
102	(10)	016102	ORINOCO RIVER 11 (V,F,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-5	J Reid	96
103	(3)	234103	ARNHEM 21 (G) (W Gredley) C Brittain 9-5	B Doyle	[illegible]
104	(2)	52-2134	SHARAF 26 (BF,F) (D Deer) W Muir 9-0	B Thomson	92
105	(7)	0-061	NEREUS 12 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-0	M Hills	96
106	(8)	200022	INFAMOUS 12 (S) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-13	T Quinn	98
107	(11)	3-62322	MENTAL PRESSURE 24 (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 8-12	K Darley	97
108	(9)	5-03134	ELA-YIE-MOU 36 (D,BF,F) (A Michael) L Cumani 8-11	R Hughes	96
109	(5)	13	JAZZ KING 24 (F) (Whitcombe Manor Stables) Miss G Kelleway 8-9	R Cochrane	96
110	(4)	556-044	GUMAIR 21 (D Churston) R Hannon 8-4	Dane O'Neill (3)	93
111	(6)	0-65131	MIGHTY PHANTOM 15 (F,G) (M Wauchope) J Hills 8-4	M Henry (3)	91

Long handicap: Mighty Phantom 8-2

BETTING: 7-2 Benatom, 4-1 Nereus, 6-1 Mental Pressure, 7-1 Infamous, 8-1 Ela-Yie-Mou, 10-1 others

1995: CHERRINGTON 9-4 M Hills (7-2 fav) G Wragg 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BENATOM beat Great Easeby 1¾l in 11-runner handicap at Newmarket (2m, good). SHARAF 3l 4th of 13 to Pearl Venture in handicap at Sandown (2m 78yd, good to soft). NEREUS beat Blalant Outburst 3l in 5-runner maiden at Ayr (1m 2f, good to firm). INFAMOUS 1½l 2nd of 4 to Allstars Express in handicap at Warwick (1m 3f, firm). MENTAL PRESSURE ½l 2nd of 12 to Berlin Blue in handicap at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good). MIGHTY PHANTOM beat Campaspe neck in 8-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: BENATOM

2.45 RICHMOND STAKES
BBC2
(Group II: 2-Y-O: colts and geldings: £30,297: 6f) (7 runners)

201	(4)	62121	RAPHANE 18 (V,F,G) (P Savill) C Collins 9-0	K Darley	[illegible]
202	(5)	01	BLUE RIDGE 48 (F) (Saleh Al Homeizi) R Hannon 8-11	J Reid	76
203	(1)	214	CLOSE RELATIVE 22 (D,F) (Wafic Said) R Charlton 8-11	Pat Eddery	88
204	(2)	11	EASYCALL 12 (F,G) (Easycall Partnership) B Meehan 8-11	B Doyle	90
205	(7)	4	HORNBEAM 15 (K Payne) J Jenkins 8-11	R Cochrane	76
206	(6)	111	PROUD NATIVE 54 (D,F,G) (L Fust) A Jarvis 8-11	R Hughes	98
207	(3)	2124	ROMAN IMP 42 (V,G) (A Turnbull) A Jarvis 8-11	D Holland	88

BETTING: 7-4 Raphane, 4-1 Proud Native, 9-2 Close Relative, 6-1 Easycall, 8-1 Blue Ridge, Roman Imp, 12-1 Hornbeam

1995: POLARIS FLIGHT 8-11 J Reid (9-4) P Chapple-Hyam 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

RAPHANE beat Nevada 1½l in 6-runner group III Omni Irish Racing Club Curragh Stakes (5f, good to firm). Previously 1l 2nd of 10 to Tipsy Creek in group III Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, good to firm) with ROMAN IMP (3lb better off) 2¾l 4th. BLUE RIDGE beat Cadeaux Cher 4l in maiden at Sandown (5f, good to firm). CLOSE RELATIVE about 3l 4th of 9 to Rich Ground in group III TNT INTERNATIONAL Aviation July Stakes at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). EASYCALL beat Jennelle 2½l in 4-runner conditions race at Newmarket (5f, good to firm). PROUD NATIVE beat Premier Bay head in listed race at Epsom (6f, good to firm).
Selection: RAPHANE

3.20 GARRARD GOODWOOD CUP
BBC2
(Group II: £38,028: 2m) (7 runners)

301	(5)	5145-41	ADMIRAL'S WELL 41 (CD,F,S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 6-9-0	T Quinn	87
302	(1)	1-24200	DARAYDAN 33 (D,F,G) (P Savill) Lady Herries 4-9-0	K Darley	90
303	(4)	211-245	GREY SHOT 61 (F,S) (J Smith) I Balding 4-9-0	Pat Eddery	81
304	(6)	350-311	KALABO 13 (F,S) (Godolphin) Saeed bin Suroor 4-9-0	J Carroll	[illegible]
305	(7)	053444	LEAR WHITE 23 (S) (General Horse Advertising SRL) P Kelleway 5-9-0	J Reid	98
306	(2)	1131	PERSIAN PUNCH 21 (F,G) (J Smith) D Elsworth 3-7-13	G Bardwell	94
307	(3)	0-33306	SPARTAN HEARTBEAT 32 (C Olley) C Brittain 3-7-13	J F Egan	88

BETTING: 6-4 Kalabo, 3-1 Admiral's Well, 4-1 Persian Punch, 7-1 Grey Shot, 8-1 Lear White, 12-1 Daraydan, 25-1 Spartan Heartbeat

1995: DOUBLE TRIGGER 4-9-5 J Weaver (2-1 fav) M Johnston 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ADMIRAL'S WELL beat Speed To Lead 2½l in 10-runner conditions race at Ascot (2m 6f, good to firm). DARAYDAN 6l 2nd of 18 to Merit in 18-runner handicap at Chester (2m 2f 147yd, good). GREY SHOT head 2nd of 7 to Double Trigger in group III Insulpak Sagaro Stakes at Ascot (2m, good to firm) with DARAYDAN (3lb worse off) 8¾l 4th. KALABO beat Masehaab 2½l in 3-runner conditions race at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). PERSIAN PUNCH beat Athenry 1¾l in listed race at Newmarket (1m 7f, good to firm).
Selection: PERSIAN PUNCH (nap)

3.50 SCHWEPPES GOLDEN MILE
BBC2
(Handicap: £48,250: 1m) (18 runners)

401	(2)	3-32032	GREEN GREEN DESERT 5 (G) (P Savill) Lady Herries 5-9-10	D Harrison	94
402	(15)	20-4100	DESERT GREEN 43 (CD,F) (Mrs P Jubert) R Hannon 7-9-5	Dane O'Neill (3)	88
403	(7)	202-304	SERIOUS 36 (G) (Mrs D Haynes) Lady Herries 6-9-4	Paul Eddery	93
404	(3)	601201	NEW CENTURY 32 (D,F) (W Kelly) D Nicholls 4-9-1	J Carroll	92
405	(8)	26-0004	AUTUMN AFFAIR 33 (S) (R Richards) C Brittain 4-8-13	B Doyle	89
406	(5)	060-151	TREGARON 35 (D,F) (D Jones) R Akehurst 5-8-12	T Quinn	95
407	(13)	021621-	KHAYRAPOUR 371 (B,CD,F,G) (Mrs J Semple) B Meehan 6-8-11	M Tebbutt	90
408	(6)	421354	HOW LONG 12 (F) (Dr M Bolla) L Cumani 3-8-11	K Darley	95
409	(18)	1/0/632	PRINCE BABAR 41 (G) (G Pritchard-Gordon) J Banks 5-8-10	G Faulkner (7)	97
410	(11)	021-101	MISSILE 12 (D,F) (J Bogie) W Haggas 3-8-9 (7ex)	M Hills	[illegible]
411	(14)	325114	ALMUHIMM 21 (BF,F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 4-8-7	R Hills	97
412	(9)	14151-3	MULLITOVER 21 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Mulley) M Heaton-Ellis 6-8-7	W Woods	98
413	(1)	421556	DOUBLE DIAMOND 34 (D,G,S) (3rd Middleham P'ship) M Johnston 3-8-6	D Holland	93
414	(10)	34-231	BEND WAVY 27 (D,F) (Lord Portsmouth) L Cumani 4-8-5	Pat Eddery	96
415	(12)	232112	GOLDEN POND 26 (D,F) (J Horgan) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-4	A McGlone	97
416	(4)	0-01040	NINIA 23 (D,F,G) (Mrs D Schreiber) M Johnston 4-8-0	T Williams	92
417	(17)	3-60002	SUE'S RETURN 13 (S) (A Morton) A Jarvis 4-7-11	M Henry (3)	98
418	(16)	622-004	MOSCOW MIST 23 (Merthyr Motor Auctions) Lady Herries 5-7-10	Declan O'Shea	90

Long handicap: Moscow Mist 7-5

BETTING: 9-4 Missile, 5-1 Almuhimm, Tregaron, 10-1 Bend Wavy, 12-1 Sue's Return, How Long, 14-1 Prince Babar, 16-1 others

1995: KHAYRAPOUR 5-7-13 B Doyle (15-2) B Meehan 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

TREGARON beat Duello 3½l in handicap at Salisbury (1m, good to firm). KHAYRAPOUR beat Realities short-head in field for this race last year (firm) with DESERT GREEN (3lb better off) 1½l 3rd. MISSILE beat My Lewicia 2½l in handicap at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) with HOW LONG (7lb better off) 4½l 4th. ALMUHIMM beat Primo Lara 1l in handicap at Newcastle (7f, firm). MULLITOVER 1l 3rd of 16 to Crumpton Hill in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) with ALMUHIMM head 4th and HOW LONG 1l 5th. BEND WAVY beat Sandmoor Chambray 1¼l in handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm). SUE'S RETURN 1¾l 2nd of 8 to Young Duke in handicap at Newbury (7f, good to firm).
Selection: ALMUHIMM (nap)

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

4.25 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NEW HAM MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £7,295: 7f) (16 runners)

501	(10)	0	AMARELLA 50 (G Steinberg) M Haynes 8-11	Dane O'Neill (3)	–
502	(6)	6	DUNDEL 58 (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	–
503	(12)		ELEGANT DANCE (Mrs C Dowling) J Sheehan 8-11	A Morris	–
504	(14)	3	ELRAYAHIN 33 (H Al Maktoum) W Hern 8-11	W Carson	90
505	(13)	00	FRENCH MIST 22 (Mrs A Upsdell) C Brittain 8-11	B Doyle	–
506	(1)	0	HAPPY GO LUCKY 24 (Whitcombe Manor Stables) R O'Sullivan 8-11	S Sanders	75
507	(8)		INK POT (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-11	J Reid	–
508	(5)		LAGUNA BAY (L Fust) A Jarvis 8-11	W J O'Connor	–
509	(3)	02	LOGICA 19 (D Pedrono) P Kelleway 8-11	Paul Eddery	90
510	(16)	04	LUCKY DIP 19 (C Harper) D Chappell 8-11	B Thomson	84
511	(7)		PRETTY SHARP (N Mitchell) A Jarvis 8-11	R Hughes	–
512	(15)	3	QUINTELLINA 22 (M Dawson) L Cumani 8-11	K Darley	[illegible]
513	(9)		SAABGA (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 8-11	J Carroll	–
514	(2)		SILVER SANDS (The Best Of Luck Partnership) T McGovern 8-11	J F Egan	–
515	(11)	03	SODEN 12 (A Soden Ltd) T Mills 8-11	T Williams	71
516	(4)		SOUND APPEAL (R and J Fidler) A Foster 8-11	D Holland	–

BETTING: 5-2 Saabga, 7-2 Elrayahin, 5-1 Quintellina, 6-1 Ink Pot, 10-1 Logica, 16-1 Lucky Dip, 20-1 others.

1995: PAPERING 8-11 L Dettori (6-1) L Cumani 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELRAYAHIN 3l 3rd of 7 to Ryafan in maiden at Doncaster (7f, good). INK POT (foaled Mar 15) By Green Dancer half-sister to last year's 7f juvenile winner Winter Quarters, dam winner in America. LOGICA 2l 2nd of 10 to Papua in maiden at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). QUINTELLINA 4l 3rd of 17 to Imroz in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) with FRENCH MIST 9l 10th. SAABGA (Feb 3) By Woodman, half-sister to useful middle-distance winners Close Conflict and Newton's Law, dam, sister to Secreto unraced. SODEN 6¾l 3rd of 7 to Bollam in maiden at Nottingham (6f, good to firm)
Selection: QUINTELLINA

5.00 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £7,830: 5f) (11 runners)

601	(2)	44210	FREDRIK THE FIERCE 12 (D,F) (C Deuters) J Berry 9-7	K Darley	92
602	(11)	4615	RUDI'S PET 19 (D,G) (The Broadgate Partnership) R Hannon 9-6	J Reid	86
603	(10)	4131	TOP OF THE FORM 19 (D,F,G) (R Huggins) M Johnston 9-0	T Williams	90
604	(5)	422130	JOINT VENTURE 8 (B,D,S) (Mrs B Bell) B Meehan 8-13	Pat Eddery	92
605	(7)	511406	PETITE DANSEUSE 8 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Upsdell) S Dow 8-11	B Thomson	98
606	(9)	5031	BRAMBLE BEAR 8 (D,F) (Mrs M Hill & Mrs H Craddo) M Blanshard 8-9 (6ex)	A Clark	80
607	(3)	31234	ROBEC GIRL 12 (D,G) (Highgrove Developments Ltd) J Berry 8-5	J Carroll	97
608	(6)	540213	PLAN FOR PROFIT 17 (D,BF,F) M Johnston 8-4	D Holland	85
609	(8)	403	ONEKNIGHT WITH YOU 24 (D Cleo) M Fetherston-Godley 8-4	M Henry (3)	94
610	(4)	U3651	TEAR WHITE 12 (B,D,F) (A Lawson & Co Ltd) T Mills 8-0	Dane O'Neill (3)	[illegible]
611	(1)	6001	SILVER SPELL 15 (V,D,F) (Mrs P Redhill) J Scargill 7-10	G Bardwell	87

Long handicap: Silver Spell 7-9

BETTING: 5-2 Top Of The Form, 6-1 Bramble Bear, 7-1 Fredrik The Fierce, Plan For Profit, 8-1 Rudi's Pet, Robec Girl, 10-1 Tear White, 12-1 others

1995: ADMIRAL JONES 9-7 M Roberts (4-1 fav) M Johnston 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

FREDRIK THE FIERCE 5¼l 7th of 14 to Miss Stamper in auction race at Newbury (5f, good to firm). BRAMBLE BEAR beat Aegean Sound 3l in 5-runner maiden at Bath (5f, firm). ROBEC GIRL 6l 4th of 6 to Stone Flower in conditions race at Ayr (5f, good to firm). PLAN FOR PROFIT 4½l 3rd of 7 to Osomental in nursery at Ayr (5f, good to firm). ONEKNIGHT WITH YOU short-head and neck 3rd of 11 to Silver Purse in maiden at Bath (5f 161yd, good to firm). TEAR WHITE beat Mazil 2½l in 7-runner maiden at Ripon (5f, good to firm).
Selection: ROBEC GIRL

5.35 DRAWING ROOM HANDICAP
(£8,805: 1m 1f) (18 runners)

1	(14)	62-0036	AEROKING 11 (G) (The PBT Group) G Harwood 5-9-10	T Quinn	96
2	(10)	550220	LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 19 (D,F,G) (B Saumtally) Bob Jones 8-9-9	M Wigham	96
3	(17)	045053	PAY HOMAGE 26 (CD,F,G) (Mrs A Hill) I Balding 8-9-8	Martin Dwyer (5)	98
4	(8)	62222	KING OF SPARTA 12 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-9-7	Pat Eddery	90
5	(18)	605	FAR DAWN 17 (P Wiegand) G Harwood 3-9-5	A Clark	89
6	(15)	503-52	PASTERNAK 12 (BF) (G Rock) M Prescott 3-9-4	W Woods	93
7	(12)	506005	PRIDE OF PENDLE 8 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs L Miller) D Nicholls 7-9-4	P Roberts (5)	93
8	(16)	06-3421	THAMES SIDE 12 (D,F) (Mrs H Veal) M Madgwick 5-9-2	N Varley (3)	98
9	(1)	0-10312	CLASSIC DEFENCE 24 (C,F,G) (J Robb) J Hills 3-9-1	M Henry (3)	96
10	(9)	060000	FAIRY KNIGHT 16 (C,F) (P & S Lever Partners) R Hannon 4-8-13	Dane O'Neill (3)	98
11	(11)	640323	MR ROUGH 13 (C,F) (R Akehurst) D Morris 5-8-11	A Eddery (7)	96
12	(2)	006000	CAPTAIN'S DAY 6 (F,G) (T Oswin) T Mills 4-8-9	J Carroll	[illegible]
13	(3)	0-55421	SET THE FASHION 6 (V,C,F,G,S) (R Matthews) D Williams 7-8-8 (6ex)	D Holland	94
14	(6)	213534	HARVEY WHITE 15 (F) (Harvey White Partnership) J Pearce 4-8-6	R French (7)	95
15	(5)	063044	SUPERPRIDE 12 (S) (Mrs M Ward) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-6	A Culhane	93
16	(13)	2005-50	URGENT SWIFT 101 (L Fust) A Jarvis 3-8-4	W J O'Connor	83
17	(7)	0-44300	KOATHARY 24 (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 5-8-2	K Darley	89
18	(4)	000010	MIMOSA 19 (F) (G Steinberg) S Dow 3-7-10	G Bardwell	89

Long handicap: Mimosa 7-7

BETTING: 6-1 Pasternak, 7-1 Pay Homage, 8-1 King Of Sparta, Aeroking, Classic Defence, 10-1 Lookingforarainbow, Pride Of Pendle, 12-1 others

1995: VENA 3-9-6 G Carter (5-1) J Dunlop 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

PAY HOMAGE ½l 3rd of 9 to Alallak in handicap at Chepstow (1m 2f, good to firm). KING OF SPARTA short-head 2nd of 7 to Disallowed in maiden auction at Ripon (1m 1f, good to firm). PASTERNAK head 2nd of 4 to Victorian Style in handicap at Nottingham (1m, good to firm). THAMES SIDE dead-heated with Game Ploy in 11-runner handicap at Newbury (1m 1f, good to firm). CLASSIC DEFENCE 1¾l 2nd of 6 to Florentino in handicap at Bath (1m 2f, good to firm). SET THE FASHION beat Orchard Gold 1½l in 14-runner handicap at Nottingham (1m, good to firm) with CAPTAIN'S DAY (6lb better off) 12½l 11th. HARVEY WHITE 5¼l 4th of 10 to Mister O'Grady in handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm)
Selection: PAY HOMAGE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Saeed bin Suroor	4	11	36.4	Pat Eddery	33	168	19.6
M Stoute	19	84	22.6	M Hills	19	111	17.1
R Charlton	12	58	20.7	Dane O'Neill	8	48	16.7
H Cecil	16	81	19.8	R Cochrane	24	153	15.7
W Hern	7	36	19.4	W Carson	31	211	14.7
Lady Herries	8	43	18.6	J Reid	35	239	14.6

☐ *Life Of A Lord*, the Whitbread Gold Cup winner, battled his way to another big success yesterday when defying top-weight in the Digital Galway Plate. Charlie Swan's mount overhauled Bishops Hall, ridden by Richard Dunwoody, on the run-in to repeat his victory in the race last year for the Irish champion National Hunt trainer, Aidan O'Brien.

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CRICKET

Dexter's approach resurrected by Acfield committee

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

TED DEXTER could be forgiven a sense of belated vindication yesterday. Three years after his hounding from office and the surreptitious disbanding of his England committee, by counties fearful that their power-base was being eroded, the paramount recommendation of the eagerly-awaited Acfield working party is that the workings of the national team should be governed by a specialist committee.

An 18-page report, the result of four months of consultation and deliberation by a select band comprising two county chairmen, David Acfield and Bob Bennett, two former England captains, Mike Gatting and David Gower, and a coach, Micky Stewart, was released to the counties yesterday.

It will be debated and voted upon at the Test and County Cricket Board meeting on August 20 and, as ever with the findings of such bodies, there is the inherent danger that they will be thrown out. All too often, the counties have responded to anxiety over the state of the game by commissioning reports and then conveniently ignoring them. If that should happen on this occasion, however, English cricket will deserve derision and humiliation.

The committee under Acfield, chairman both of Essex and the TCCB's cricket committee, worked to a specific brief and part of their problem was a public misconception over the scope of it. "The morning after the working party was announced, someone from Radio 4 rang me for an interview and asked if I was the saviour of English cricket," Acfield said. "I burst out laughing."

His mandate did not involve the structure of the domestic game, only the selection, management and coaching of England teams. The primary conclusion was that these functions must be brought under the umbrella of a management committee, with decision-taking powers.

This was the vision shared by Dexter, who chaired an England committee from 1989 until, with a promising infrastructure in place, he was forced out. Ostensibly, he went because of the poor results of the Test team but those who hastened his departure were resentful of the increasing power being wielded by his committee.

Trial verdict 1, 4

"To some extent, we are going back to the Dexter days," Acfield conceded. "But it is our view that England cricket needs specialists to organise it. The crucial factor in our report is the creation of a management committee. If they accept nothing else, I hope this is adopted."

Acfield, having pointed out that the responsibility for the international side is "fragmented", proposes that a nine-man body should handle all such matters, including the appointments of selectors, captain and coach. Tours, believed by the working party to be too long, would also come under the banner of the management committee.

In addition, the report recommends that the England coach should be relieved of selection responsibilities to avoid conflicts of interest and that the chairman of selectors should have absolute power to withdraw England players from county matches. This last proposal is sure to divide the counties, despite the sweetener of compensation payments.

"The counties have already turned this down once, preferring an agreement that they would treat any request from the selectors with sympathy," Acfield said. "But as a county chairman myself, I consider that rather nebulous."

The committee focused particularly on the amount of cricket played by leading English players and concluded that it is too much. While resisting, at least for now, the option of contracting Test players individually, the working party stressed that "ways must be found of giving top players sufficient periods of rest."

To illustrate the point, they compared the workload of key England and Australian players during the 12 months ending on March 31 this year. Michael Atherton was engaged for 241 days, compared to only 135 playing and touring days for his counterpart, Mark Taylor, and while Dominic Cork, England's prime bowler, totalled 239 days, Shane Warne's aggregate was 127. This is a stark revelation. Anyone doubting the need for Acfield's report, or searching for a plausible reason why England have fallen behind in international terms, need look no further.

IAN STEWART

No way back this time for Butcher as Turner's smart glovework brings the left-hander's match-winning innings of 91 to an abrupt halt

In-form Butcher ties up loose ends

By Michael Henderson

THE OVAL: Surrey beat Somerset by five wickets

IT DID not take Surrey long to complete a comfortable victory, and earn a home semi-final in the NatWest Trophy, against Essex, on August 13. There were seven overs left when Adam Hollioake made the winning run and, for some reason, punched the air with joy. It was the only passionate moment of a perfunctory morning.

Hollioake, who resumed on two, finished with 45. The man-of-the-match award went to Butcher, who was out for 91 when Surrey were 22 runs short of their target. It was an odd dismissal too, stumped off a leg-side wide from Parsons, but he had done his job admirably, seeing his side through after the loss of those three early wickets on Tuesday.

Butcher has made 13 scores of more than fifty this season, in all forms of cricket, and must be in the selectors' thoughts for a tour this winter, either to Australia with the A team, or possibly as a junior member of the full team in Zimbabwe and New Zealand. If they are sensible, they will surely look to include a couple of younger, unproven players.

Picking up on 126 for four, needing 100, Butcher and Hollioake swiftly took their partnership to 87 before Turner's smart glovework ended it. Caddick had bowled out his quota by then, ending with the thoroughly good figures of three for 34. He could not have done more to win this game for Somerset, and he too may have something to look forward to before the end of the year.

The result was in keeping with the way these two teams are playing. Surrey approach the final stages of the season in good shape: they are joint leaders of the Britannic Assurance county championship, top of the AXA Equity & Law League, and now find themselves within a game of the NatWest Trophy final.

Somerset's last appearance in a final at Lord's was 13 years ago, and their cricket is in need of repair. The club is not in a mess, not yet, but the effective demotion of Bob Cottam, the club's experienced director of cricket, to second team "gofer" earlier this season, has left a vacuum that has not been properly filled. Such situations are ideal for intriguers and those who hunger for power.

SCOREBOARD

SOMERSET: 225 (S C Ecclestone 52, P D Bowler 52; B P Julian 4 for 46)

SURREY

D J Bicknell lbw b Caddick	4
M A Butcher st Turner b Parsons	91
*†A J Stewart run out	0
G P Thorpe c Turner b Caddick	13
A D Brown c Turner b Caddick	41
A J Hollioake not out	45
B P Julian not out	6
Extras (b 11, w 13, nb 2)	26
Total (5 wkts, 52.5 overs)	226

B C Hollioake, M P Bicknell, R M Pearson and J E Benjamin did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-5, 3-34, 4-117, 5-204

BOWLING: Caddick 12-2-34-3; Rose 12-1-46-0; Trump 12-2-28-0; Hayhurst 5-0-30-0; Lee 8.5-0-48-0; Parsons 2-0-19-1

Man of the match: M A Butcher

Umpires: H D Bird and B Leadbeater

Semi-final pairing ends Roses dream

By Alan Lee

CROSS-PENNINE dreams of the Roses counties meeting at Lord's for the first time in 59 knockout finals were dashed again yesterday, when the draw for the semi-finals of the NatWest Trophy emulated the Benson and Hedges Cup by pairing Lancashire and Yorkshire. Cruelly, the venue will once more be Old Trafford.

Eight weeks on from the heart-stopping game decided by one wicket, off the final ball, Yorkshire must go back to Fortress Manchester, where their great rivals now boast a record of 16 consecutive victories in knockout ties, stretching back almost a decade.

In the other semi-final, Home Counties rivalries will apply and they need not be more decorous. Surrey have home advantage again for the meeting with Essex and, for once, the four quarter-final "seeds" all progressed as expected. None had as tough a game as Lancashire, who had only two runs to spare against Derbyshire but remain on course to repeat their 1990 achievement of winning both Lord's finals.

Mike Watkinson, the Lancashire captain, had more reason to enjoy the draw than his Yorkshire counterpart, David Byas. Watkinson admitted: "We came back from the dead to beat them in the Benson. I hope we get the same result this time but I don't want it to be so close." Byas countered defiantly: "We don't fear Lancashire. I would have preferred the match to be at Headingley but I am still confident."

So he should be. Yorkshire are playing compelling cricket and if they had won the Benson semi-final, as logic dictated they should, they might now be contemplating a tilt at all four trophies. As it is, they still have much to motivate them, not least the prospect that their inspirational Australian, Michael Bevan, should now see out the season, with the probability of Australia's one-day series in Sri Lanka being a victim of terrorist threats. This would also apply to Stuart Law, who made his eleventh century of the season for Essex in their quarter-final win.

Yorkshire moved gently down the Sussex coast from Hove to Eastbourne yesterday and face a critical five days in their quest for the championship and Sunday League titles.

The marquees will be up at Canterbury for the festival week and, unlike last year, when the Kent members lived in well-justified dread of the wooden spoon, they can now daydream of the championship between luncheon courses. Worcestershire are the visitors today, and a chap named Hick may feel he needs a few runs.

Leicestershire will be without their captain, Whitaker, and strike bowler, Millns, against the traditional foe of Northamptonshire at Grace Road. These are untimely intrusions on their title bid but, with Surrey not engaged, victory this week would put them into an enviable position, still with a game in hand on most of the other contenders.

DRAW

SEMI-FINALS

Lancashire v Yorkshire

Surrey v Essex

Matches to be played on August 13

Manager of the month

The manager of the month in the *Times* Interactive Team Cricket competition is John Eaton, of Brentwood, Essex, who recorded the highest points total in July.

His team, Eaton Goats 2, comprises: G A Hick, G P Thorpe, A McGrath, A J Hollioake, S G Law, J P Stephenson, K M Krikken, D J Millns, D Gough, A M Smith and M J McCague.

The prize comes in two parts: a Kent & Curwen single-breasted blazer, a Kent & Curwen long-sleeved cricket sweater and an official England T-shirt and sunhat, plus a PACE satellite dish and decoder with six months' free subscription to Sky Sports.

Eaton Goats 2 also leads the main competition which has been dominated by the Eaton Goats teams. Eaton Goats 3 is in third place and Eaton Goats is not far behind in fifth.

The main challenger to this trio is Scoffshire A, entered by P Schofield, which is placed second. The team is: A J Hollioake, G P Thorpe, S G Law, G A Gooch, A McGrath, R C Irani, K M Krikken, D Gough, S J E Brown, J P Taylor and D J Millns.

THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET GAME

Pos	Team (Player's name)	Pts
1	Eatons Goats 2 (J Eaton)	13846
2	Scoffshire A (P Schofield)	13238
3	Eatons Goats 3 (J Eaton)	13222
4	Spread Eaglets 3rd X (P Stewart)	12897
5	Eatons Goats (J Eaton)	12879
6	K P Allstars 3 (KR Patel)	12638
7	Opportunists 3rd XI (Stewart)	12637
8	Bowled Marilyn (H Paul)	12532
9	Cheadle High School (M Roberts)	12527
10	XI Gladiators (D Fungley)	12487
11	Torridge Tops (C Hulbert)	12464
12	The Ton Machine (N Kalb)	12453
13	Caroline A (A Luckhurst)	12452
14	Bertie's Allsorts 11 (BE Howes)	12416
15	Six Hitters (N Marchant)	12405
16	Ricardos Marvels (R Williams)	12360
17	——	12359
18	Kalb's Corkers 2 (N Kalb)	12357
19	Opportunists 4th XI (P Stewart)	12347
20	Primeshire (C Holburt)	12332
21	Thingy Bob (AZA Ghani)	12327
22	Hollioakes (M Ward)	12275
23	Ruvanssit XI (W Rebanshan)	12274
24	John Hunt X 1 (J Hunt)	12247
25	M C M (M Poswal)	12239
26	Heavens 5th XI (RJ Wall)	12237
27	Pannal Beaters (JS Hutchinson)	12226
28	Taff's Tigers (J Short)	12225
29	G B s First XI (G Brooks)	12213
30	Teddy 3 (B Bear)	12200
=31	Likely Lads (L Mallett)	12197
=31	Cormans Balls 2 (D Blackburn)	12197
33	Johnson's First XI (RJ Johnson)	12195
34	Freds Team (R Price)	12183
35	Tim's Twisters (GW Corbett)	12173
36	Flat Spin 3 (J Hodgson)	12153
37	Breakfast Boys (J Goodman)	12141
38	Duck Donald (H Paul)	12137
=39	Mavie Walker's XI (A Wright)	12134
=39	Jones XI Wonders (Dr M Jasepa)	12134
=41	Taunton A (J Hunt)	12115
=41	Opportunists 1st XI (P Stewart)	12115
43	Perth Finders A (P Stewart)	12113
=44	Caroline C (A Lackhurst)	12112
=44	Caroline 1 (A Luckhurst)	12112
46	Barbrel Rangers (JS Hutchinson)	12099
47	Caroline D (A Lockhurst)	12084
=48	Pavilion Primos (S Timmins)	12068
=48	Wakering Wonders (D Brunt)	12068
50	Heavens Fouth XI (RJ Wall)	12061
51	Brooks Battin Bunnys (G Brookes)	12059
52	Odissy Three (M Long)	12056
=53	Haye Bales Of A Time (JR Stanley)	12054
=53	The Run Rats (Mrs L Tattoo)	12054
55	Alaturks (P Stewart)	12034
56	Must Be Pay Day (F Panayi)	12011
57	Hunt 4 $10,000 A (J Hunt)	12008
58	——	12006
59	GT Old Boys (MA Trovell)	11999
60	The Wrens (M Hall)	11995
61	Adifty 1 (M Long)	11961
62	Tractorwolf XI (CJ Hodge)	11953
63	EARLY BIRDS 2 (M Whitley)	11930
64	Odessey 4 (M Long)	11927
65	Stars Wars 3 (Z Ali)	11924
66	She Loves Other Sun (DA Jackson)	11917
67	Webbies Wombles (AR Howse)	11910
68	Four Back (JB Portwood)	11903
69	Skys The Limit CC (K Sutton)	11897
70	Dee's Woodfellows (J Glover)	11879
71	Kims Kavilers (K Dowsell)	11877
72	Clw Dedicated XI (JN Eveling)	11872
73	Lindas Loosers (L Tattoo)	11868
74	Outside Edge (G Brooks)	11865
75	The Boundary Boys (C Toby)	11862
76	Spike Thomas XI (TE Webb)	11832
77	Beckenham Boys (J Short)	11834
78	Hunt 4 $10,000 E (J Hunt)	11829
78	Jones Boys One (ML Jones)	11829
78	Singing In The Rain (H Paul)	11829
81	Teddy Two (B Bear)	11828
82	The Happy Hookers (G Brooks)	11825
83	The Nautch Girls (K Mitchell)	11820
83	——	11820
85	M C K K Boys (AZA Ghani)	11817
86	England Shadows (D Finlay)	11801
87	Martina McBride (S Valet)	11798
88	G CC 1 (G Dolan)	11797
89	Bring Back Botham (K Booth)	11791
90	Lord Of This Room (V Lee)	11778
91	Shane Eleven (B Stawel)	11775
91	M J S Team 1 (R Sieni)	11775
93	Oakermore Third XI (S Oliver)	11770
94	O Danny Boys (DJ Hornsby)	11766
95	Second Innings (G Brooks)	11764
96	Odifty 2 (M Long)	11762
97	Petes Panthers (P Williams)	11761
97	Dream Team 2 (M Dunn)	11761
99	Daves Demonds (D Tattoo)	11760
100	Duncan Idahoe H (G Shil)	11757

INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

The scores in brackets are the points scored in the last week; the other scores are the cumulative points scored since the start of the season. The figures include all matches completed by July 29. Overseas players are shown in **bold type**. Rising Stars in *italic*.

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Batsmen (001-135)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
C J Adams (001)	1164	(13)	0	(0)	1164	(13)
G F Archer (002)	494	(99)	0	(0)	494	(99)
M A Atherton (003)	740	(76)	0	(0)	740	(76)
C W J Athey (004)	635	(35)	0	(0)	635	(35)
M Azharuddin (005)	439	(0)	0	(0)	439	(0)
R J Bailey (006)	500	(0)	2	(0)	540	(0)
K J Barnett (007)	810	(65)	11	(1)	1030	(85)
M R Benson (008)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M G Bevan (009)	1200	(48)	4	(1)	1280	(68)
D J Bicknell (010)	599	(74)	13	(0)	859	(74)
D A Blenkiron (011)	296	(0)	0	(0)	296	(0)
P D Bowler (012)	857	(36)	0	(0)	857	(36)
N E Briers (013)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A D Brown (014)	301	(20)	0	(0)	301	(20)
D Byas (015)	695	(92)	0	(0)	695	(92)
S L Campbell (016)	791	(128)	0	(0)	791	(128)
J D Carr (017)	507	(0)	0	(0)	507	(0)
M J Church (018)	349	(6)	8	(1)	409	(26)
P A Cottey (019)	899	(129)	0	(0)	899	(129)
G R Cowdrey (020)	490	(0)	1	(0)	510	(0)
J P Crawley (021)	494	(71)	0	(0)	494	(71)
C D Crowe (022)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R J Cunliffe (023)	252	(0)	0	(0)	252	(0)
T S Curtis (024)	592	(172)	0	(0)	592	(172)
J A Daley (025)	142	(26)	0	(0)	142	(26)
A J Dalton (026)	37	(0)	0	(0)	37	(0)
R I Dawson (027)	*79*	*(0)*	*1*	*(0)*	*99*	*(0)*
M P Dowman (028)	86	(49)	0	(0)	86	(49)
N H Fairbrother (029)	512	(0)	0	(0)	512	(0)
A Flintoff (030)	2	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)
A Fordham (031)	413	(60)	0	(0)	413	(60)
D P Fulton (032)	627	(0)	1	(0)	647	(0)
J E R Gallian (033)	772	(42)	4	(0)	852	(42)
M W Gatting (034)	659	(0)	0	(0)	659	(0)
N A Gie (035)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G A Gooch (036)	1025	(55)	1	(0)	1045	(55)
K Greenfield (037)	596	(78)	0	(0)	596	(78)
A Habib (038)	607	(46)	0	(0)	607	(46)
J W Hall (039)	321	(68)	0	(0)	321	(68)
T H C Hancock (040)	604	(57)	0	(0)	604	(57)
R J Harden (041)	126	(62)	0	(0)	126	(62)
M E Harvey (042)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A N Hayhurst (043)	224	(2)	1	(0)	244	(2)
G R Haynes (044)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D L Hemp (045)	138	(0)	4	(0)	218	(0)
G A Hick (046)	761	(8)	4	(1)	841	(28)
A J Hollioake (047)	1095	(187)	11	(1)	1315	(207)
N Hussain (048)	768	(0)	0	(0)	768	(0)
S Hutton (049)	516	(54)	0	(0)	516	(54)
Ijaz Ahmed (050)	382	(77)	0	(0)	382	(77)
Inzamam-ul-Haq (051)	506	(218)	0	(0)	506	(218)
S P James (052)	898	(67)	0	(0)	898	(67)
P Johnson (053)	584	(26)	0	(0)	584	(26)
D M Jones (054)	941	(43)	9	(1)	1121	(63)
V Kambli (055)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M Keech (056)	438	(15)	0	(0)	438	(15)
W S Kendall (057)	444	(0)	0	(0)	444	(0)
G J Kennis (058)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
W G Khan (059)	317	(0)	0	(0)	317	(0)
N V Knight (060)	726	(52)	0	(0)	726	(52)
J S Laney (061)	700	(16)	0	(0)	700	(16)
M N Lathwell (062)	705	(123)	1	(0)	725	(123)
S G Law (063)	1289	(245)	7	(1)	1429	(265)
D A Leatherdale (064)	253	(0)	4	(0)	333	(0)
N J Lenham (065)	508	(29)	2	(1)	548	(49)
J J B Lewis (066)	157	(0)	0	(0)	157	(0)
N J Llong (067)	421	(167)	9	(0)	601	(167)
G D Lloyd (068)	787	(157)	0	(0)	787	(157)
J I Longley (069)	6	(0)	0	(0)	6	(0)
M B Loye (070)	530	(0)	0	(0)	530	(0)
M A Lynch (071)	176	(69)	0	(0)	176	(69)
G I Macmillan (072)	66	(0)	0	(0)	66	(0)
D L Maddy (073)	539	(86)	4	(0)	619	(86)
S V Manjrekar (074)	540	(0)	0	(0)	540	(0)
M P Maynard (075)	990	(282)	0	(0)	990	(282)
A McGrath (076)	807	(0)	0	(0)	807	(0)
A A Metcalfe (077)	489	(0)	0	(0)	489	(0)
A J Moles (078)	656	(16)	0	(0)	656	(16)
R R Montgomerie (079)	822	(51)	0	(0)	822	(51)
T M Moody (080)	1162	(275)	11	(0)	1382	(275)
H Morris (081)	896	(132)	0	(0)	896	(132)
J E Morris (082)	398	(19)	0	(0)	398	(19)
R S M Morris (083)	195	(0)	0	(0)	195	(0)
M D Moxon (084)	700	(31)	0	(0)	700	(31)
K Newell (085)	105	(0)	1	(0)	125	(0)
T J G O'Gorman (086)	229	(64)	0	(0)	229	(64)
D P Ostler (087)	673	(163)	0	(0)	673	(163)
J E Owen (088)	499	(0)	0	(0)	499	(0)
K A Parsons (089)	162	(66)	1	(0)	182	(66)
T L Penney (090)	870	(26)	0	(0)	870	(26)
P R Pollard (091)	595	(106)	0	(0)	595	(106)
J C Pooley (092)	494	(0)	0	(0)	494	(0)
P J Prichard (093)	490	(23)	0	(0)	490	(23)
M R Ramprakash (094)	823	(0)	2	(0)	863	(0)
J D Ratcliffe (095)	289	(49)	3	(0)	349	(49)
D D J Robinson (096)	*554*	*(47)*	*0*	*(0)*	*554*	*(47)*
P E Robinson (097)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R T Robinson (098)	883	(0)	0	(0)	883	(0)
A S Rollins (099)	674	(0)	0	(0)	674	(0)
M A Roseberry (100)	496	(20)	0	(0)	496	(20)
Saeed Anwar (101)	753	(162)	0	(0)	753	(162)
O A Shah (102)	*0*	*(0)*	*0*	*(0)*	*0*	*(0)*
N Shahid (103)	204	(115)	0	(0)	204	(115)
Salim Malik (104)	80	(34)	1	(0)	100	(34)
D J Sales (105)	*210*	*(210)*	*0*	*(0)*	*210*	*(210)*
N S Sidhu (106)	171	(0)	0	(0)	171	(0)
P V Simmons (107)	512	(49)	27	(9)	1052	(229)
A Singh (108)	*675*	*(23)*	*0*	*(0)*	*675*	*(23)*
B F Smith (109)	720	(67)	0	(0)	720	(67)
R A Smith (110)	689	(124)	0	(0)	689	(124)
N J Speak (111)	424	(144)	0	(0)	424	(144)
M P Speight (112)	351	(70)	0	(0)	351	(70)
A J Stewart (113)	671	(128)	0	(0)	671	(128)
I J Sutcliffe (114)	427	(0)	3	(0)	487	(0)
A Symonds (115)	735	(127)	4	(0)	815	(127)
N R Taylor (116)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S R Tendulkar (117)	707	(0)	1	(0)	727	(0)
V P Terry (118)	346	(144)	0	(0)	346	(144)
G P Thorpe (119)	1365	(80)	2	(0)	1405	(80)
S P Titchard (120)	629	(109)	0	(0)	629	(109)
M E Trescothick (121)	*301*	*(0)*	*0*	*(0)*	*301*	*(0)*
T A Tweats (122)	130	(0)	0	(0)	130	(0)
M P Vaughan (123)	828	(20)	9	(0)	1008	(20)
M J Walker (124)	*0*	*(0)*	*0*	*(0)*	*0*	*(0)*
T C Walton (125)	82	(27)	0	(0)	82	(27)
D M Ward (126)	81	(0)	0	(0)	81	(0)
T R Ward (127)	810	(25)	2	(0)	850	(25)
A P Wells (128)	721	(22)	0	(0)	721	(22)
R M S Weston (129)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
W P C Weston (130)	906	(75)	0	(0)	906	(75)
G W White (131)	235	(0)	0	(0)	235	(0)
J J Whitaker (132)	761	(61)	0	(0)	761	(61)
P R Whitaker (133)	*397*	*(0)*	*8*	*(0)*	*557*	*(0)*
M G N Windows (134)	188	(184)	0	(0)	188	(184)
A J Wright (135)	415	(0)	0	(0)	415	(0)

All-rounders (150-203)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
Aamir Sohail (150)	155	(2)	2	(0)	195	(2)
M W Alleyne (151)	441	(30)	30	(1)	1041	(50)
I D Austin (152)	379	(0)	14	(1)	659	(20)
P Bainbridge (153)	545	(19)	7	(1)	685	(39)
D R Brown (154)	*416*	*(45)*	*31*	*(2)*	*1036*	*(85)*
M A Butcher (155)	1269	(111)	4	(0)	1349	(111)
C L Cairns (156)	606	(0)	21	(0)	1026	(0)
D J Capel (157)	614	(135)	23	(3)	1074	(195)
D G Cork (158)	404	(6)	36	(5)	1124	(106)
R D B Croft (159)	315	(0)	47	(6)	1255	(120)
K M Curran (160)	536	(82)	6	(2)	656	(122)
A Dale (161)	422	(0)	3	(0)	482	(0)
P A J DeFreitas (162)	203	(47)	16	(3)	523	(107)
V C Drakes (163)	201	(21)	20	(3)	601	(81)
M A Ealham (164)	469	(30)	34	(1)	1149	(50)
S C Ecclestone (165)	119	(0)	0	(0)	119	(0)
K P Evans (166)	274	(0)	21	(0)	694	(0)
M A Feltham (167)	14	(0)	4	(0)	94	(0)
M V Fleming (168)	638	(143)	10	(0)	838	(143)
A P Grayson (169)	618	(159)	10	(0)	818	(159)
O D Gibson (170)	145	(19)	0	(0)	145	(19)
F A Griffith (171)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
C L Hooper (172)	745	(108)	16	(0)	1065	(108)
R C Irani (173)	579	(68)	31	(3)	1199	(128)
A D Jadeja (174)	489	(0)	0	(0)	489	(0)
K D James (175)	582	(76)	22	(1)	1022	(96)
B P Julian (176)	330	(16)	36	(2)	1050	(56)
J H Kallis (177)	128	(0)	6	(0)	248	(0)
S R Lampitt (178)	437	(28)	34	(5)	1117	(128)
S Lee (179)	835	(156)	25	(2)	1335	(196)
C C Lewis (180)	288	(0)	31	(0)	908	(0)
G W Mike (181)	13	(13)	2	(2)	53	(53)
A C Morris (182)	*189*	*(0)*	*4*	*(0)*	*269*	*(0)*
Mushtaq Ahmed (183)	52	(16)	27	(6)	592	(136)
D J Nash (184)	15	(0)	1	(0)	35	(0)
A L Penberthy (185)	377	(2)	16	(0)	697	(2)
S M Pollock (186)	377	(57)	38	(1)	1137	(77)
D A Reeve (187)	351	(0)	9	(0)	531	(0)
G D Rose (188)	244	(63)	33	(3)	904	(123)
V S Solanki (189)	353	(68)	16	(2)	673	(108)
A W Smith (190)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N M K Smith (191)	372	(55)	23	(0)	832	(55)
P A Smith (192)	23	(0)	2	(0)	63	(0)
J N Snape (193)	114	(1)	8	(4)	274	(81)
J P Stephenson (194)	514	(123)	22	(5)	954	(223)
C M Tolley (195)	112	(43)	7	(1)	252	(63)
Wasim Akram (196)	89	(44)	16	(2)	409	(84)
M Watkinson (197)	310	(23)	20	(3)	710	(83)
G Welch (198)	152	(0)	25	(0)	652	(0)
C M Wells (199)	543	(52)	7	(1)	683	(72)
V J Wells (200)	818	(35)	9	(1)	998	(55)
P N Weekes (201)	696	(0)	21	(0)	1116	(0)
C White (202)	445	(29)	25	(1)	945	(49)
J R Wileman (203)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)

Wicketkeepers (225-256)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
A N Aymes (225)	539	(27)	23	(2)	999	(67)
R J Blakey (226)	409	(46)	29	(1)	989	(66)
K R Brown (227)	514	(0)	35	(0)	1214	(0)
M Burns (228)	247	(2)	17	(5)	587	(102)
S P Griffiths (229)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
W K Hegg (230)	490	(52)	35	(5)	1190	(152)
P C L Holloway (231)	277	(0)	6	(0)	397	(0)
G J Kersey (232)	280	(0)	30	(2)	880	(40)
J A Knott (233)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
K M Krikken (234)	592	(45)	44	(7)	1472	(185)
D G C Ligertwood (235)	*238*	*(2)*	*21*	*(4)*	*658*	*(82)*
S A Marsh (236)	392	(22)	26	(0)	912	(22)
C P Metson (237)	40	(0)	12	(0)	280	(0)
P Moores (238)	568	(61)	30	(6)	1168	(181)
N R Mongia (239)	384	(0)	14	(0)	644	(0)
P A Nixon (240)	520	(88)	37	(5)	1260	(188)
W M Noon (241)	70	(0)	14	(0)	350	(0)
K J Piper (242)	148	(0)	16	(0)	468	(0)
Rashid Latif (243)	147	(45)	13	(3)	407	(105)
S J Rhodes (244)	527	(65)	26	(2)	1047	(105)
D Ripley (245)	*218*	*(88)*	*6*	*(2)*	*338*	*(128)*
R J Rollins (246)	471	(1)	45	(4)	1371	(81)
R C Russell (247)	476	(42)	35	(4)	1176	(122)
N F Sargeant (248)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
C W Scott (249)	208	(0)	20	(0)	608	(0)
A D Shaw (250)	*120*	*(0)*	*19*	*(3)*	*500*	*(60)*
R J Turner (251)	359	(55)	41	(9)	1179	(235)
L N Walker (252)	93	(0)	18	(2)	453	(40)
R J Warren (253)	455	(0)	18	(0)	815	(0)
P Whitticase (254)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R C J Williams (255)	116	(10)	7	(4)	256	(90)
S C Willis (256)	12	(0)	5	(0)	112	(0)

Bowlers (275-404)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
P R Adams (275)	38	(11)	10	(3)	238	(71)
J A Afford (276)	16	(0)	33	(4)	676	(80)
U Afzaal (277)	81	(73)	1	(1)	101	(93)
P Aldred (278)	50	(0)	8	(0)	210	(0)
C E L Ambrose (279)	58	(0)	24	(0)	538	(0)
S J W Andrew (280)	51	(1)	13	(0)	311	(1)
Aqib Javed (281)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M C J Ball (282)	144	(12)	12	(2)	384	(52)
S R Barwick (283)	34	(20)	3	(0)	94	(20)
S J Base (284)	1	(0)	1	(0)	21	(0)
R T Bates (285)	137	(15)	13	(2)	397	(55)
J D Batty (286)	214	(30)	20	(2)	614	(70)
M A V Bell (287)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J E Benjamin (288)	65	(28)	19	(3)	445	(88)
W K M Benjamin (289)	140	(0)	6	(0)	260	(0)
M M Betts (290)	231	(0)	34	(0)	911	(0)
M P Bicknell (291)	149	(15)	45	(5)	1049	(115)
S D Birbeck (292)	8	(0)	4	(0)	88	(0)
D J P Boden (293)	1	(0)	1	(0)	21	(0)
J Boiling (294)	79	(0)	9	(0)	259	(0)
J N B Bovill (295)	81	(0)	17	(2)	421	(40)
M T Brimson (296)	16	(3)	21	(5)	436	(103)
J E Brinkley (297)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S J E Brown (298)	279	(11)	58	(2)	1439	(51)
A R Caddick (299)	82	(23)	39	(5)	862	(123)
R J Chapman (300)	0	(0)	6	(5)	120	(100)
G Chapple (301)	195	(21)	34	(3)	875	(81)
J H Childs (302)	1	(0)	18	(0)	361	(0)
V P Clarke (303)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
C A Connor (304)	116	(0)	40	(0)	916	(0)
K E Cooper (305)	5	(0)	5	(0)	105	(0)
D M Cousins (306)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A P Cowan (307)	71	(0)	12	(0)	311	(0)
D M Cox (308)	171	(57)	13	(6)	431	(177)
R P Davis (309)	134	(23)	14	(4)	414	(103)
J M De La Pena (310)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N A Derbyshire (311)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
R R Dibden (312)	1	(0)	2	(0)	41	(0)
M Dimond (313)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A D Edwards (314)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S W K Ellis (315)	14	(0)	8	(0)	174	(0)
S Elworthy (316)	267	(0)	22	(0)	707	(0)
A R C Fraser (317)	164	(0)	26	(0)	684	(0)
E S H Giddins (318)	51	(9)	37	(4)	791	(89)
A F Giles (319)	199	(24)	31	(1)	819	(44)
D Gough (320)	463	(98)	39	(5)	1243	(199)
R J Green (321)	14	(0)	6	(0)	134	(0)
J C Hallett (322)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G M Hamilton (323)	1	(0)	4	(0)	81	(0)
A J Harris (324)	75	(26)	36	(3)	795	(86)
P J Hartley (325)	288	(67)	37	(6)	1028	(167)
D W Headley (326)	154	(50)	27	(11)	694	(270)
J E Hindson (327)	*0*	*(0)*	*0*	*(0)*	*0*	*(0)*
J G Hughes (328)	14	(0)	1	(0)	34	(0)
A P Igglesden (329)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R K Illingworth (330)	309	(21)	33	(4)	969	(101)
M C Ilott (331)	164	(30)	32	(6)	804	(150)
P W Jarvis (332)	164	(28)	19	(1)	544	(48)
R L Johnson (333)	111	(0)	7	(0)	251	(0)
G Keedy (334)	*61*	*(0)*	*13*	*(1)*	*321*	*(20)*
N M Kendrick (335)	34	(0)	12	(0)	274	(0)
S G Kenlock (336)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J I D Kerr (337)	60	(0)	1	(0)	90	(0)
A A Khan (338)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N Killeen (339)	0	(0)	8	(7)	160	(140)
R J Kirtley (340)	0	(0)	3	(0)	60	(0)
A Kumble (341)	112	(0)	13	(0)	372	(0)
R P Lefebvre (342)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J Lewis (343)	94	(0)	11	(0)	314	(0)
J D Lewry (344)	94	(2)	35	(11)	794	(222)
M J McCague (345)	309	(31)	42	(3)	1149	(91)
D E Malcolm (346)	65	(6)	47	(11)	1005	(226)
N A Mallender (347)	31	(0)	1	(0)	51	(0)
P J Martin (348)	138	(34)	27	(5)	678	(134)
R S C Martin-Jenkins (349)	*20*	*(0)*	*1*	*(0)*	*40*	*(0)*
R J Maru (350)	123	(41)	6	(2)	243	(81)
S M Milburn (352)	169	(8)	16	(3)	489	(68)
D J Millns (353)	310	(23)	47	(3)	1250	(83)
A D Mullally (354)	112	(6)	46	(4)	1032	(86)
T A Munton (355)	68	(6)	13	(2)	328	(46)
P J Newport (356)	142	(0)	19	(0)	522	(0)
R W Nowell (357)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J Ormond (358)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G J Parsons (359)	197	(19)	33	(2)	857	(59)
M M Patel (360)	176	(43)	26	(0)	696	(43)
R M Pearson (361)	106	(6)	25	(2)	606	(46)
D B Pennett (362)	27	(0)	7	(0)	167	(0)
N C Phillips (363)	*100*	*(0)*	*5*	*(0)*	*200*	*(0)*
R A Pick (364)	66	(0)	7	(0)	206	(0)
A R K Pierson (365)	158	(10)	24	(0)	638	(10)
A C S Pigott (366)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
V J Pike (367)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S L V Raju (368)	33	(0)	5	(0)	133	(0)
A R Roberts (369)	141	(39)	10	(1)	341	(59)
M A Robinson (370)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
I D K Salisbury (371)	354	(45)	17	(1)	694	(65)
Saqlain Mushtaq (372)	94	(0)	7	(0)	234	(0)
B N Schultz (373)	12	(0)	6	(0)	132	(0)
J P Searle (374)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D J Shadford (375)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
K P Sheeraz (376)	3	(0)	1	(0)	23	(0)
A Sheriyar (377)	21	(0)	19	(1)	401	(20)
K J Shine (378)	120	(10)	31	(8)	740	(170)
C E W Silverwood (379)	*172*	*(22)*	*33*	*(6)*	*832*	*(142)*
G C Small (380)	39	(2)	11	(4)	259	(82)
A M Smith (381)	230	(15)	41	(2)	1050	(55)
D J Spencer (382)	*0*	*(0)*	*0*	*(0)*	*0*	*(0)*
J Srinath (383)	128	(0)	20	(0)	528	(0)
E J Stanford (384)	12	(0)	5	(0)	112	(0)
R D Stemp (385)	238	(2)	29	(1)	818	(22)
P M Such (386)	122	(10)	43	(7)	982	(150)
J P Taylor (387)	173	(36)	38	(3)	933	(96)
S D Thomas (388)	182	(0)	17	(0)	522	(0)
J B Thompson (389)	89	(0)	9	(0)	269	(0)
M J Thursfield (390)	67	(0)	5	(0)	167	(0)
H R J Trump (391)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
A J Tudor (392)	*0*	*(0)*	*0*	*(0)*	*0*	*(0)*
P C R Tufnell (393)	125	(0)	42	(0)	965	(0)
S D Udal (394)	304	(31)	21	(1)	724	(51)
A P van Troost (395)	11	(0)	3	(0)	71	(0)
C A Walsh (396)	62	(12)	42	(11)	902	(232)
A Walker (397)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A E Warner (398)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
S L Watkin (399)	97	(11)	37	(3)	837	(71)
Waqar Younis (400)	12	(4)	13	(8)	272	(164)
N F Williams (401)	171	(39)	16	(3)	491	(89)
J Wood (402)	70	(35)	22	(3)	510	(95)
T N Wren (403)	15	(0)	2	(0)	55	(0)
G Yates (404)	5	(0)	0	(0)	5	(0)

☐ One point is awarded for each run, 20 points for each wicket. Wickets include catches and stumpings by wicketkeepers, but not catches by fielders. ☐ *Source: TCCB/PA Cricket Record*

GOLF: SCOT HUNTS FOR EXTRA TEN PER CENT

Montgomerie swings into sharper routine

FROM MEL WEBB
IN GOTHENBURG

COLIN MONTGOMERIE has topped the European Order of Merit for the past three years and is out in front again this season: fact. Montgomerie is second in the world rankings: fact. He has won approaching £6 million worldwide since he turned professional in 1987: educated and pretty accurate guess. And he has done it all without ever playing at more than 90 per cent efficiency: utterly astounding assertion.

It would, however, be wrong to scoff, for the suggestion came yesterday from none other than the man himself.

If true, the initial thought was to feel a little pity for those who have tried unavailingly to beat him. If 90 per cent equals £2.75 million in Europe in the past three years, any further improvement will leave the rest scrimmaging for the scraps from the master's table.

Montgomerie came to the conclusion that he had never played to *his full* potential during ten days' rest, recreation and reflection after *missing the cut in the Open* Championship for the fourth time in the past five years.

"If I'm missing cuts in Opens, then something is going wrong," he said as he prepared for the Volvo Scandinavian Masters, which starts at the Forsgårdens club 15 miles south of here today. "In my position in golf *I should not be doing this sort of thing.* So I've decided to do something about it."

Montgomerie has never been the most assiduous of practisers, but that golfing philosophy has been consigned to the file marked Colin Montgomerie Mark I.

Already in the out-tray is Colin Montgomerie, Overweight Golfer; he put that right in the winter and continues to cut a slimline figure. *Now he intends it to be followed by* Colin Montgomerie, Dilatory Practiser. *It is the only way, he said,* like a man who has seen the light.

"I *believe that to stay in my* position I've to improve," he said. "When I had those few days off after the Open I came to the conclusion that I've been playing at 90 per cent for too long. My aim now is to give 110 per cent."

A thought entered the mind. If the new-found (over)work ethic has gripped him, would it also improve his demeanour: sometimes in the past he could have scowled for Great Britain. But the question was still-born, pre-empted by Montgomerie broaching the subject himself.

"Whether I have shot 65 or 75 I shall go to the practice ground instead of back to the hotel," he said. "If I *know that I have tried* 100 per cent, I will be *more* settled in my mind, and my temperament, both on and off the course, will be better as well if I know that what I have given is my best."

Montgomerie has already walked a long way down his road to Damascus this season. This week, as he takes on a powerful field, he *will be trusting in the final conversion.* We shall see.

Webster finishes early

PAUL WEBSTER is caddying for his son Shaun in the 66th English *Amateur Championship at the* Notts Golf Club, Hollinwell, this week and so far his only problem, apart from having his car broken *into, has been the long trek back to* the clubhouse from the 12th green (*Patricia Davies writes*).

The young Webster, 19, is a *former winner of the Doug Sanders* world junior championship *now studying mostly golf at* Central Alabama Community College — tenpin bowling and first aid have been on his curriculum, but it is *mayhem he has been* specialising in so far this week, having won his three matches by 7 and 6.

Yesterday morning, Webster was eight up at the turn against Steven Done, with the aid of four birdies and an eagle three, at the 6th. Done birdied the 11th to stay in the match but was undone at the next. *In the* afternoon, Mark Wharton found six birdies in 11 holes too much for him. Hollinwell's greens are lush and *slow, hence the birdie barrage.*

Mike Reynard, the Worcester champion and runner-up in the British Amateur last year, has had *12 birdies in his 43 holes so far.* Gary Wolstenholme, his fellow *international, is 11 under for his* three rounds but was taken to the *last green by Simon Wakefield,* from Staffordshire.

JONATHAN DRAKE

Alan Shearer joked with his new Newcastle United team-mates during his first training session on the club's pre-season tour of Singapore. However Shearer, who signed for a world record-breaking £15 million on Monday, will not make his first appearance on the trip. That is expected to come in the Charity Shield match against Manchester United at Wembley on August 11. Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, said: "We are going to *Lincoln* before that but that's what it looks like at this stage."

Wolverhampton Wanderers have underlined their determination to secure promotion to the FA Carling Premiership by signing Keith *Curle, the former England defender,* from Manchester City for £650,000. Joe Royle, the Everton manager, has completed the *signing of Paul Gerrard, the goalkeeper, from Oldham Athletic for* an initial fee of £1 million. Attilio Lombardo, of Juventus, has been *given until Saturday to decide on a move to Sheffield Wednesday.*

MOTOR RACING

Todt keeps Irvine in driving seat

JEAN TODT, the Ferrari sporting *director, is expected to defy* growing pressure from the Italian media and re-sign Eddie Irvine as Michael Schumacher's team-mate next season (Oliver Holt writes). Ferrari's option on Irvine's services for next year runs out today and an announcement from the team's headquarters in Maranello is expected imminently.

Todt, who has earned the respect of *all* those who work with him because of his honesty, objectivity *and tireless attempts to drag* Ferrari back to the pre-eminent *position they once held, has always* spoken highly of the Ulsterman's readiness to play a supporting role to the world champion.

After the team was plagued by unreliability in a string of races, the Italian media and factions within Ferrari suggested that Irvine should be replaced next season by their test driver, Nicola Larini, or Giancarlo Fisichella, who has driven for Minardi in several races this season.

Yet after the German Grand Prix in Hockenheim last weekend, Todt hinted that he was about to confirm Irvine's place in the team for a second year. "*It would be unfair to* get rid of Eddie," Todt said, "because everyone within the team is happy with him. We are starting *to rebuild something here and he is* part of it."

Irvine has made no secret of his desire to stay with the team for another year *and it is highly* unlikely that either Larini or *Fisichella could get as close to* Schumacher as the Ulsterman has *done with such a small amount of* testing.

Offiah delay is tackled by Broncos

LONDON Broncos rugby league club are hopeful that problems of joint ownership with Bedford rugby union club, which are holding up the £300,000 transfer of Martin Offiah from Wigan, can be overcome in time for the Great Britain wing to appear in the home match against Warrington on Sunday (Christopher Irvine writes).

Wigan have received their cheque from London but it is Bedford's majority *stake in the* deal and the possibility of them *having first option on the player* that has caused the delay. Offiah has signed a loyalty contract to the Super League but he could miss part of next season because of commitments with Bedford. Alan McColm, Offiah's agent, said: "It's a matter of ensuring both codes, as well as Martin, are happy."

POLO: C S Brooks beat Metropolitan 9-5 in their 18-goal Cowdray Park Challenge Cup *semi-final* at Brooksfield in Ambersham, West Sussex, yesterday. C S Brooks were 6-1 ahead at treading-in time, but Metropolitan rallied in the last two chukkas with some fine *goals* from Howard Hipwood and his No 2, Tommy Wilson.

C S BROOKS: 1, J Fisher (1); 2, J Daniels (5); 3, E Heguy (10); Back, M Rutherford (1)
METROPOLITAN: 1, P Webb (4); 2, T Wilson (5); 3, H Hipwood (8); Back, P Castle (0).

RUGBY UNION: Neath, the Heineken *League champions,* aggrieved at the withdrawal by Bath *and Leicester from the proposed* Anglo-Welsh meetings at the end *of this month, have suggested an* all-Welsh encounter with the cup *holders, Pontypridd, on September 1 instead.*

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Seattle 5 Milwaukee 5 (first game); Milwaukee 4 Seattle 3 (second game); Toronto 3 Cleveland 1; Detroit 12 California 9; Kansas City 7 Boston 0; Baltimore 16 Minnesota 4; Texas 15 New York 2; Chicago 2 Oakland 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York 5 Pittsburgh 4 (first game); New York 4 Pittsburgh 3 (12 innings) (second game); Cincinnati 5 Houston 4 (10 innings); Montreal 3 Colorado 1; Philadelphia 8 St Louis 7; Chicago 4 San Francisco 0; San Diego 2 Atlanta 1; Los Angeles 5 Florida 4 (10 innings).

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Clevedon: Somerset 283 (S Trago 72); *Surrey* 304-5 (A W Smith 114 not out; G J Kennis 86). Kibworth: Durham 278 and 9-0; Leicestershire 171-1 dec (G I Macmillan 105 not out, I J Sutcliffe 58 not out). Crosby: Middlesex 300-9 dec (J C Harrison 71) and 21-2; Lancashire 203-5 dec. (N T Wood 73). Sittingbourne: Glamorgan 257 (A W Evans 85; D A Scott 5-23) and 47-2; Kent 250-9 dec (M J Walker 95). Marske-by-the-Sea: Yorkshire 251-8 dec (R Robinson 101, R A Kettleborough 71; M Dillon 4-81) and 24-0. Hampshire 196-5 dec (W S Kendall 58 not out). King's School, Gloucester: Sussex 159 and 17-3. Gloucestershire 288-7 dec (M J Cawdron 94 not out). Moseley: Warwickshire 227 (M J Powell 108). Worcestershire 190-7 (D B D'Oliveira 50 not out). Colchester: Northamptonshire 333 (M B Loye 116, T C Walton 79, A Cole 4-68) and 133-3 (M B Loye 65). Essex 245 (S D Peters 71, *M* Davies 4-55).

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Longton: Hertfordshire 147 and 167 (C N Spinks 57). Staffordshire 210-7 and 105-3. Staffordshire won by seven *wickets.* Dorchester: Dorset 121 (N D Peel 5-42, A J Murphy 4-20). Cheshire 222-4 (J D Bean 68, R G Hignett 52 not out). Reading CC: Devon 253-8 (N A Folland 71, P M Roebuck 62). Berkshire 60-5. Lakenham: Norfolk 225-2 (T J Boon 116 not out); Northumberland 100 (M W Thomas 5-6) and 22-1. Dales, Leominster: Cornwall 167-9 (J P Kent 81; K E Cooper 5-51). Herefordshire 160-1 (R G R Barlow 83 not out, S M Brogan 59 not out).

WOMEN'S CRICKET ASSOCIATION AREA CHAMPIONSHIP: Standings (after two days): *First* division: 1, Yorkshire 83½pts; 2, Surrey 68; *3, West Midlands* 63½; 4, East Anglia 35; 5, The West 29½; 6, East Midlands 24½. Second division: 1, Kent 77; 2, Thames Valley 57; *3, Middlesex* 50½; 4 equal, Sussex and Yorkshire II 35; 5, Lancashire and Cheshire 34

FOOTBALL

UEFA UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS: Final: France 1 Spain 0.

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Aldershot Town 1 Colchester 3; Cheltenham 2 Bristol Rovers 5; Darlington 1 Barnsley 2; Flint Town 0 Hyde 0; Harrogate Town 1 Halifax 4; Kettering 1 Lincoln 1; Newcastle Town 0 Port Vale 4; Salisbury 0 Cardiff 0; Shamrock Rovers 3 Crewe 1; Wokingham 1 Oxford United 3; Hitchin 0 Luton 0; Bromley 4 Arsenal XI 2; Brechin 0 Dundee United 1; Bromsgrove 1 Doncaster 1; *St Albans 0* Coventry 2; Ayr 0 Raith 4; Barnet 1 Queens Park Rangers 2; Kidderminster 2 West Brom 1; Wycombe 1 *Birmingham 2; Northwood 0* Chelsea XI 4; Northwich 1 Stoke 4.

GOLF

KOHLER, Wisconsin: Andersen Consulting world championship: International Group: Semi-finals: G Norman (Aus) bt S Elkington (Aus) 4 and 3; D Frost (SA) bt N Price (Zim) 5 and 3. Final: Norman bt Frost 1 hole.

HOLLINWELL, *Nottinghamshire: English* amateur championship: Second round: J M Smith (Bridlington Links) bt S Butts (Hartley Wintney) *2 and 1; R Fulford (The Country* Club, Johannesburg) bt P Grotier (The Essex) 3 and 2; M Reynard (Moseley) bt M Farmer (North Hants) *6 and 5; N Gibson* (Selby) bt M Kuwertz (Nevill) 4 and 2; P Snowden (Sand Moor) bt M Searle (Lyme Regis) 1 hole; *T Smith (Stitchcombe Hill) bt* J Bragger (Lees Hall) 3 and 2; R Tate (Meon Valley) bt C Rodgers (Royal Mid-Surrey) 1 hole; *C Stewart (Walton Heath) bt R Futerman* (Royal Mid-Surrey) 4 and 3; G Wolstenholme (Bristol and Clifton) bt R Brocklebank (*Ulverston) 5 and 4; S Wakefield (Trentham* Park) bt K Ferrie (Alnmouth) 5 and 4; A McNabola (Sand Moor) bt W Barnes (*Whittington Heath) 2 and 1; G Evans (North* Middlesex) bt C Smith (Scarborough South Cliff) 6 and 5; I Richardson (Burghley Park) *bt J Gallagher (Fairhaven) 1 hole; M Le* Mesurier (Brokenhurst Manor) bt M King (Toft Hotel) 4 and 3; L Watcham (South Beds) *bt S Randle (Enville) 3 and 2;* D Lucas (Worksop) bt A White (New) 4 and 2; I Ferrie (Alnmouth) bt S Nesbitt (Eminates) 4 and 3; *N Ridewood (Orsett) bt J Hepworth (Ilkley)* 5 and 3; A Wainwright (Garforth) bt J Herbert (Hinckley) 1 hole; D Mansell (Silkstone) bt A *Urquhart (Ashford) 5 and 4;* D Stokes (Huddersfield) bt J Lambert (Kedleston Park) 3 and 1; S Impey (Buckingham) bt S Davis (*Kedleston Park) 3 and 2; P Fenton* (Huddersfield) bt S Kavanagh (John O'Gaunt) 4 and 2; S McCarthy (Royal North Devon) bt G Homewood (Ashford Manor) at 19th; M J Banning (Muswell Hill) bt A Jones (Drayton Park) at 19th; L Donald (Beaconsfield) bt G Storm (Hartlepool) 4 and 3, S J Dyson (Sand Moor) bt D Vest (Wearside) 1 hole; M J Keeling (Burslem) bt J Jones (Enfield) at 19th; D Griggs (Royal Worlington) bt N J Furniss (Matlock) 1 hole; J S Pounder (Yeovil) bt R S Peacock (Grims Dyke) 2 and 1; B Toone (Ellesmere) bt I A Farrant (Harpenden Common) 4 and 3; S Cox (Woodhall Spa) bt M L Harwood (West Herts) at 20th; K Wallbank (Fairhaven) bt S Collingwood (Carholme) 5 and 3; N Parkinson (Dore and Totley) bt P Carr (Sunningdale) 5 and 4; J Ambridge (Moor Park) bt J Walker (Bishop Auckland) 1 hole; J O'Shea (Ealing) bt G Boardman (Castle Hawk) 4 and 3; P Brown (Ashford Manor) bt R Martin (Wilesley Park) 1 hole; J Little (Moor Park) bt J Crampton (Spalding) 2 and 1; P Stuart (London) bt I Mackenzie (Hallamshire) 2 and 1; M Wharton (John O'Gaunt) bt T Payne (Nottingham City) 4 and 3; S Webster (Ifield) bt S Done (Royal Liverpool) 7 and 6; C Banks (*Stanton on the Wolds) bt A March* (Enmore Park) 5 and 3; A Lawrence (Wheatley) bt D Messias (Gerrards Cross) one hole: C Hudson (Army) bt P Lawrence (Enfield) 2 and 1; M Allen (Nevill) bt P Carter (Seacroft) 5 and 3; D Jessup (Rochester and Cobham) *bt J Morgan (Clevedon) 5* and 4; C Duke (Porters Park) bt P Nelson (Renishaw Park) 5 and 3; M James (Walton Heath) *bt C Poxon (Little Aston) 3 and 1;* J Rose (North Hants) bt G Maly (Porters Park) 5 and 4; R Akbitt (Bishop Auckland) bt D Errington (Arcot Hall) 3 and 2; R Wiggins (Ponteland) bt S Martin (Burnham and Berrow) 3 and 2; A Leach (Arcot Hall) bt D Whittaker (Bath) 1 hole; M Scotham (Coxmoor) bt M Thomas (Hallamshire) 3 and 2; B Meson (Sand Moor) bt J Carter (Woodcote Park) 1 hole; C Roake (Gerrards Cross) bt C Drury (Leighton Buzzard) 1-hole; J Harris (Nevill) bt R Stroud (Tadmarton Heath) 2 and 1; S Little (Moor Park) bt P Netherton (South Beds) 3 and 1; M Pile (Woburn) bt J P Miller (Fulford) at 19th; A Patterson (Copthorne) bt R Finch (Hull) at 19th; M Cryer (Coventry) bt J Knight (Sandiford Springs) 4 and 2; R Chetteway (Whittington Heath) bt J O'Connor (Woburn) 1 hole; M Blackey (Hayling) *bt R Buxton (Ifield) 3 and* 2; M Naylor (Radcliffe on Trent) bt D Clee (Kidderminster) 2 and 1; C Richardson (Burghley Park) bt M T Seaton (Gog Magog) 1 hole. Third round: Reynard bt Gibson 5 and 4; Fulford bt Smith 2 holes; Snowden bt Smith 2 and 1; Stewart bt Tate 2 and 1; Lucas bt Wainwright at 19th; Ferrie bt Ridewood 2 and 1; Stokes bt Impey 5 and 4; Mansell bt Fenton 2 and 1; Wolstenholme bt Wakefield 2 holes; I Richardson (Burghley Park) bt McNabola 1 hole; Evans bt Le Mesurier 1 hole; Watcham bt McCarthy 5 and 4; Keeling bt Banning 6 and 4; Donald bt Dyson 3 and 2; Griggs bt Cox 5 and 4; Pounder bt Toone 2 and 1.

DUNBAR: J & B Scottish amateur championship: *First round:* Second round: D Ballantyne (Selkirk) bt S Tatters (Elgin) 3 and 1; P Arthur (Turnhouse) bt N Hampton (Nairn) *1 hole; S Young (Inverallochy) bt G Broxton* (Camperdown) 2 and 1; L McLaughlin (Cowglen) bt M Kinsler (Gleddoch) 5 and 4; *A Cooper (Taymouth Castle) bt G Campbell* (Ardrie) 4 and 3; S Mackenzie (West Linton) bt M Campbell (Duddingston) 3 and 2; *C Kelly (St Andrews New) bt M Thomson (Torwoodlee)* 4 and 3; R Craig (Merchants of Edinburgh) bt S Fraser (Callander) 4 and 3; H Walker (Gullane) bt K Nicholson (Haddington) 4 and 3; B Smith (Hamilton) bt N Macdonald (Muckhart) 5 and 4; B Howard (Cochrane Castle) bt S Jamieson (Kyles of Bute) 3 and 2; G Davidson (Langholm) bt S Whiteford (Lundin) 3 and 2; F Bell (Portpatrick Dunskey) bt I Brattey (Hollandbush) 1 hole; D Robertson (Dunbar) bt R Brechin (Murcar) 2 holes; A Nichol (Berwick) bt D Sands (Royal Musselburgh) 8 and 7; J Hughes (Cardross) bt C Barrowman (Glasgow) 1 hole; P McKechnie (Hayston) bt K Mail (Glencorse) 4 and 3; M Brooks (Carluke) bt E Lindsay (Blairgowrie) 4 and 3; S Gray (Hayston) bt I Reid (Dumfries and County) 4 and 3; M MacAulay (Lochgilphead) bt A McMurray (Downfield) at 19th; M Brown (Monifieth) bt A Lamond (Haggs Castle) 3 and 1; A Forsyth (Ralston) bt L Gray (Dunbar) 5 and 4; R Bain (UAE) bt J Clive (Glenbervie) 6 and 5; R Jenkins (Crow Wood) bt J Bunch (St Andrews New) 5 and 3; N Shillinglaw (Glencorse) bt *I Price* (Duns) 6 and 5; D Brown (Carluke) bt K Macnair (Hilton Park) 1 hole; S Twynholm (Westerhope) *bt K Caldwell (Bishopbriggs)* 4 and 3; R Dickson (Kirkcaldy) bt L Kelly (Cowal) 1 hole; C Gordon (Ratho Park) bt J Huggan (Dunbar) 5 and 4; B Scott (Lochmaben) bt B Smith (Duddingston) 2 and 1; S Knowles (Kingsknowe) bt B Main (Nigg Bay) *7 and 5; G Fox (West Kilbride) bt A* Junor (Royal Dornoch) 4 and 3; P Lamb (Glencorse) bt D Owens (Kilmacolm) at 19th; *R Beames (Wick) bt J Yuille (Royal* Burgess) 2 holes; C Paterson (Reay) bt J Johnston (Northumberland) 2 and 1; D *Hamilton (Australia)* bt S Smith (Duddingston) 1 hole; M Urquhart (Inverness) bt G Thomson (Moray) 3 and 2; C Mitchell (Blairgowrie) *bt S Craig (Lundin) 3 and 2; C* Elliot (Ratho Park) bt S Walker (West Linton) 6 and 4; G Bolton (Rothesay) bt S Squires (Duns) 5 and 4; P Cunningham (Downfield) bt G Ewart (Eastwood) 7 and 6; C Watson (East Renfrewshire) bt A Sim (Newbattle) 3 and 2; I Ford (Kelso) bt E Morr (Hamilton) 4 and 3; M Stein (Ratho Park) bt F Hutchison (Hayston) 1 hole; R Sheils (Moray) bt N Forsyth (Peebles) 5 and 4; D Orr (East Renfrewshire) bt J Reid (Hollandbush) 1 hole; R Lynch (Hollandbush) bt A Fowlie (Royal Aberdeen) 2 and 1; G Gordon (Newmachar) bt C Dunan (Milngavie) 3 and 2; K Millar (Duddingston) bt G Thomson (Duddingston) 2 holes; J Gallacher (Wentworth) beat *I Barrell (Crail) 5 and 4;* F Hutchison (Dunfermline) bt M Mulheam (East Renfrewshire) 6 and 5; A Turnbull (Innerleithen) *bt S Orr (East Renfrewshire)* at 19th; D Patrick (Mortonhall) bt C Fraser (Innerleithen) 1 hole: G Crawford (*Williamwood) bt S Roberts (Gullane) 2 and* 1; D Paton (Dunniker Park) bt G Santana (Duddingston) 4 and 3; G Lawrie (Prestwick *St Nicholas) bt G Paterson (Prestwick St* Nicholas) 1 hole, D Brock (Tantallon) bt E Forbes (Nairn) 1 hole; G McLay (Royal Musselburgh) bt G Murray (Fereneze) 2 and 1; S Johnston (*Carricknowe*) bt D Connolly (West Kilbride) at 22nd; C Townsend (Torwoodlee) bt C Gray (Dumfries and Galloway) 4 and 3; R Thornton (Cardross) bt J Shearer (Ardeer) 4 and 3; S Armstrong (Ratho Park) bt B Shields (Bathgate) 1 hole; W Bryson (Drumpellier) *bt* G Landsburgh (Scotscraig) 3 and 2, J Smith (Strathclyde Park) bt A Macphail (Ratho Park) 3 and 2.

ASHBURNHAM: Welsh amateur championship: Leaders after first qualifying round: 71: S Raybould (Pontypridd). 72: M Pilkington (Nevin), Y Taylor (Brynhill), C Rees (Ashburnham) 73: M Calvert (Copt Heath), M Ellis (Wrexham), N Edwards (Whitchurch), *L Harpin (North Wales). 74: S* Gerrish (Brecon), D Park (Burghill Valley). A Herrhy (Llanwern), A Delves (Padeswood and Buckley).

MONMOUTH: Welsh girls championship: Leading qualifiers: 71: K Stark (Brynhill). 72: *B Brewerton (Abergele and Pensarn)* 80: L Archer (Telford), C Deeley (Tenby). 81: K Phillips (Creigiau) E Games (*Ashburnham*). *82: H Mountford (Pyle and* Kenfig). 83: E Leeke (Tenby). 84: B Heaton (Padeswood and Buckley). J Shawe (Brynhill).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship

11.0, first day of four, 104 overs minimum

DERBY: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
CANTERBURY: *Kent v Worcestershire*
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire
LORD'S: *Middlesex v Essex*
WORKSOP: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan
TAUNTON: Somerset v Hampshire
EASTBOURNE: Sussex v Yorkshire

Tour matches

10.45, 50 overs

EDINBURGH: Scotland v Pakistanis

11.0, first day of four

THE OVAL: Surrey v South Africa A

FIRST UNDER-19 TEST MATCH (first day *of four): Old Trafford: England v New* Zealand.

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Chelmsford: Essex v Sussex. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Middlesex.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Lakenham: Norfolk v Cambridgeshire

FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCHES (7.30 unless stated): Bray Wanderers v St Johnstone; Woking v Cardiff (7.45); Chelmsford v Southend; Consett v Carlisle (7.0); Hornchurch v Cambridge Utd; Northwich v Manchester Utd XI; St Albans v Chelsea XI

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: English Amateur Championship (at Hollinwell); J and B Scottish Amateur Championship (Dunbar).

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PREMIER LEAGUE: London 68 Sheffield 28.

TENNIS

AMSTERDAM: Men's tournament: First round: M Rios (Chile) bt S Noszaly (Hun) 7-5, 6-2; B Ulihrach (*Cz*) *bt S Schalken (Holl)* 7-5, 4-6, 6-0.

POOLS DIVIDENDS

LITTLEWOODS: Treble chance: 23pts £366,701.00, 22 £1,600.95, 21 £99.50, 20 £16.05, 19 £3.25. Four draws: £21.50. 10 *homes: £19.70. Six aways: £1.15*

VERNONS: Treble chance: 23pts £83,843.35, 22 £541.00, 21 £47.70, 20 £8.45 *12 homes £140.00. 10 aways £1.80.*

ZETTERS: Treble chance: 23pts £35,908.85, 22 £58.60, 21 £4.85, 20 £0.60. Four draws £10.80 Eight homes £3.70 *Six* aways £0.60 Lucky numbers 6 31 20 1 32 26.

Archery

Men's individual

SECOND ROUND: Hsieh Sheng-Feng (Taiwan) bt T Matsushita (Japan) 167-158; J Huish (US) bt G Hardinges (GB) 168-155; S Medved (Slovenia) by J Lipponen (Fin) on tiebreak at 161-161; P Vermeiren (Bel) bt R White (US) 159-158; J Anchondo (Mex) bt V Chikarev (*Kaz*) 156-154; *L Torres (Fr) bt H* Yamamoto (Japan) 164-163; Kyo-Moon Oh (S Kor) bt P Szymczak (Pol) 169-154; B Grov (*Nor*) bt Tang Hua (China) *161-159; M Bisiani* (*It*) bt V Yevetsky (Ukr) 163-152; M Petersson (Swe) bt A Parenti (It) 167-165; Kim Bo-ram (*S Kor*) bt M Larsson (Swe) 168-160; T Poikolainen (Fin) bt B Tsyrempilov (Rus) 164-163; Jang Yong-ho (S Kor) bt K Hanlon (Ire) 165-159; B Johnson (US) bt M Gray (Aus) 164-157; S Zabrodsky (Ukr) bt T Tuovila (Fin) 163-142; M Frangilli (It) bt L Chhangte (India) 164-158.

Badminton

Men's singles

SEMI-FINALS: Jiong Dong (China) bt R Sidek (Malay) 15-6, 18-15; P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den) bt H Arbi (Indo) 15-11, 15-8.

Men's doubles

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: S Antonius and D Kantono (Indo) bt Soo Beng Kiang and Tan Kim Her (Malay) 15-4, 12-15, 15-8.

Women's doubles

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Qin Yiyuan and Tang Yongshu (China) bt H Kirkegaard and R Olsen (Den) 7-15, 15-4, 15-8.

Mixed doubles

SEMI-FINALS: Kim Dong Moon and Gil Young-Ah (S Kor) bt Chen Xingdong and Peng Xingyong (China) 15-6, 15-8; Park Joo-bong *and Ra Kyung (S Kor) bt Liu Jianjun* and Sun Man (China) 15-10, 15-4.

Baseball

Round-robin

United States 17 Holland 1; Japan 12 Italy 1; Australia 11 South Korea 8.

Basketball

Men

CLASSIFICATION ROUND (ninth to twelfth places): Argentina 97 South Korea 79; Puerto Rico 78, Angola 67.

QUARTER-FINALS. Lithuania 99 Greece 68; Yugoslavia 128 China 61. Australia 73, Croatia 71; United States 98, Brazil 75.

Boxing

Light-flyweight

QUARTER-FINALS: D Kiryukhin (Ukr) bt A Guardado (US) pts; D Bojilov (Bul) bt S Kamsing (Thai) pts; M Velasco (Phil) bt H Berhili (*Mor*) *pts;* R Lozano (Sp) bt L Lapaini (Indo) pts

Bantamweight

QUARTER-FINALS: A Mesa (Cuba) bt R Bouaita (Fr) pts; R Malakhbekov (Rus) bt D Jamgan (*Mong*) pts; V Khadpo (Thai) bt H Nafil (Mor) pts; I Kovacs (Hun) bt C Olteanu (Rom) pts.

Lightweight

QUARTER-FINALS: T Tontchev (Bul) bt M Strange (Can) pts; T Cauthen (US) bt V Phongsit (Thai) pts; H Soltani (Alg) bt Shin Soo-yung (S Kor) pts; L Doroftei (Rom) bt K Gogoladze (Georgia) pts

Welterweight

QUARTER-FINALS: J Hernandez (Cuba) bt N Smanov (Kaz) pts; M Simion (Rom) bt H Al (Den) pts; D Santos (P Rico) bt N Atayev (Uzb) pts; O Saitov (Rus) bt K Chater (Tun) pts.

Middleweight

QUARTER-FINALS: *M Bahari (Alg) bt B* Magee (Ire) pts; *M* Beyleroglu (Tur) bt T Borowski (Pol) pts; R Wells (US) bt D Yarbekov (Uzb) decision; A Hernandez (Cuba) bt A Lebziak (Rus) pts.

Heavyweight

QUARTER-FINALS: N Jones (US) bt Tao Jiang (China) pts; D Defiagbon (Can) bt C Mendy (Fr) disq 1st rnd; L Krasniqi (Ger) bt S Dychkov (Belo) pts; F Savon (Cuba) bt G Kandelaki (Georgia) 20-4.

Canoeing (sprint)

Men's 1,000m kayak singles

REPECHAGES (first four in each heat and fastest loser to semi-finals): Heat one: 1, S *Custain (Br) 4:02.52; 2, V Otte (Fr) 4:04.14;* 3, Z Kammerer (Hun) 4:05.85; 4, I Lawler (GB) 4:06.55; 5, H Heide (Est) 4:08.37; 6, E Gervais (Can) 4:08.74; 7, M Edoukou (Iv C) 4:44.15. Heat two: 1, R Erban (Slovakia) 4:01.91; 2, M Harbold (US) 4:05.22; 3, J Garcia (Por) 4:05.87; 4, V Tereshchenko (Ukr) 4:08.88; 5, T Krantz (Swe) 4:10.05; 6, A Safaryan (Kaz) 4:10.53; 7, I Kireyev (Uzb) 4:12.10.

Men's 1,000m kayak pairs

REPECHAGES (first four in each heat and fastest losers to semi-final): Heat one: 1, Argentina (A Szarum and J Correa) 3:34.24; 2, Sweden 3:34.48; 3, Czech Republic 3:35.21; 4, Lithuania 3:38.42; 5, Kazakhstan 3:40.04; 6, Ireland 3:40.65; 7, China 3:41.19; 8, Uzbekistan 3:43.32. Heat two: 1, United States (J Mooney and P Newton) 3:34.42; 2, Slovakia 3:34.43; 3, Russia 3:35.20; 4, Spain 3:36.26; 5, *Portugal* 3:36.46; *6,* Belgium 3:36.97; 7, Kyrgyzstan 3:44.20.

Qualification conditions for heats appeared incorrectly in some editions yesterday. They should have read: *Men's 1,000m C1, C2 and K1 and* women's 500m K4, first two in each heat to final, remainder to semi-finals.

Cycling

Women's mountain bike

1, P Pezzo (It) 1hr 50min 51sec; 2, A Sydor (Can) 1:51.58; 3, S Demettei (US) 1:52.36; 4, G-R Dahle (Nor) 1:53.50; 5, E Vink (Hol) 1:54.39; 6, A Stropparo (It) 1:55.58; 7, R Marunde (Ger) 1:57.21; 8, K Lynch (NZ) 1:57.40; 9, E Orvosova-Lowe (Slovakia) 1:57.58; 10, J Furtado (US) 1.58.32; 11, L Leboucher (Fr) 1.59.00; 12, D Gessmann (Switz) 1.59.11; 13, L Tomlinson (Can) 2:01.04; 14, A Yaptianova (Rus) 2:01.35; 22, D Murrell (GB) 2:04.44.

Football

Men's semi-final

Argentina 2 Portugal 0

Handball

Women's preliminary round

POOL A: Denmark 27 Hungary 22; China 31 United States 21.

POOL B: *Germany 27 Angola 12; South* Korea 25 Norway 21

Hockey

Women's round-robin

Great Britain 5 Argentina 0; South Korea 1 Germany 0; United States 2 Spain 0; Australia 4 Holland 0.

Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Australia	7	6	1	0	24	4	13
South Korea	7	4	2	1	18	9	10
Great Britain	7	3	2	2	12	11	8
Holland	7	3	2	2	15	15	8
United States	7	2	2	3	8	11	6
Germany	7	2	1	4	10	11	5
Argentina	7	2	1	4	7	21	5
Spain	7	0	1	6	5	17	1

Diving

Women's springboard

PRELIMINARIES (*first 18 qualify for semi-finals*): Qualifiers: 1, V Ilyina (Rus) 308.88pts; 2, A Lindberg (Swe) 292.02; 3, O Zhupyna (Ukr) 288.47; 4, Mingxia Fu (China) 284.28; 5, C Bockner (Ger) 281.31; 6, M Moses (US) 279.75; 7, I Vygouzova (Kaz) 276.45; 8, I *Lashko (Rus) 271.92; 9, J Keim (US) 270.48;* 10, I Pissareva (Ukr) 269.43; 11, Y Motobuchi (Japan) 262.71; 12, M Alcala (Mex) 257.01; 13, M Romero (Mex) 252.84; 14, S Alexeeva (Belo) 246.27; 15, J Rogers (Aus) 242.19; 16, S Koch (Ger) 239.91; 17, A Pelletier (Can) 238.58; 18, E Ivanova (Kaz) 235.50.

Modern pentathlon

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, A Parygin (Kaz) 5,551pts; 2, E Zenovka (Rus) 5,530; 3, J Martinek (Hun) 5,501; 4, D Svatkovsky (Rus) 5,489; 5, I Warabida (Pol) 5,452; 6, A Hanzely (Hun) 5,435; 7, I Tiidemann (Est) 5,414; 8, C Toraldo (It) 5,402; 9, S Salazar (Mex) 5,387; 10, P-O Danielsson (Swe) 5,375; 18, R Phelps (GB) 5,254

Softball

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: China 4 Australia 2 (Australia win bronze, China advance to final).

FINAL: United States 3 China 1.

Synchronised swimming

Team technical routine

1, United States 99.200pts; 2, Canada 97.933; *3, Japan 97.867; 4, Russia 97.000; 5, France* 95.600; 6, China 94.600

Table tennis

Men's singles

QUARTER-FINALS: Liu Guoliang (China) bt J Huang (Can) 9-21, 21-19, 21-16, 21-16; J Rosskopf (Ger) bt Kim Taek-soo (S Kor) 12-21, 26-24, 21-12, 16-21, 26-24; *P Korbel* (Cz) bt J-M Saive (Bel) 21-10, 21-13, 21-19; Wang Tao (China) bt V Samsonov (Belo) 16-21, 16-21, 21-10, 21-15, 21-15.

Men's doubles

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Lee Chul-seung and Yoo Nam-kyu (S Kor) bt S Fetzner and J Rosskopf (Ger) 21-18, 21-13, 22-20.

FINAL: Liu Guoliang and Kong Linghui (China) bt Wang Tao and Lu Lin (China) 21-8, 13-21, 21-19, 21-11

Women's singles

SEMI-FINALS: Chen Jing (Taiwan) bt Qiao Hong (China) 21-9, 23-21, 21-17; Deng Yaping (China) bt Liu Wei (China) 21-23, *21-17, 21-19, 21-9*

Tennis

Men's singles

QUARTER-FINALS: L Paes (India) bt R Furlan (It) 6-1, 7-5; A Agassi (US) bt W Ferreira (SA) 7-5, 4-6, 7-5; F Meligeni (Br) bt A Olhovskiy (Rus) 6-7, 7-5, 6-3

Women's doubles

QUARTER-FINALS: C Martinez and A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt B Sangaram and T Tanasugam (Thai) 6-2, 6-1; M Bollegraf and B *Schultz-McCarthy (Hol) bt M Hingis and P* Schnyder (Switz) 6-4, 6-3.

Volleyball

Women's quarter-finals

China bt Germany 15-12, 15-8, 15-8; Russia bt Holland 10-15, 15-7, 15-9, 15-10; Cuba bt United States 15-1, 15-10, 15-12; Brazil bt *South Korea 15-4, 15-2, 15-10.*

Weightlifting

Over 108kg

1, A Chemerkin (Rus; snatch 197.5kg, clean and jerk 260.0 — world record) 457.5; 2, R Weller (Ger; 200.0, 255.0) 455.0; 3, S Botev (Aus; 200.0, 250.0) 450.0; 4, Tae-Hyun Kim (S Kor; 190.0, 247.5) *437.5;* 5, A Kurlovich (Belo; 195.0, 230.0) 425.0; 6, M Nerlinger (Ger; 185.0, 237.5) 422.5.

Yachting

Men's 470

LEADING POSITIONS AFTER TEN RACES: 1, Ukraine 31pts, 2, Great Britain (J Merricks and I Walker) 49; 3, Portugal 50.

Tornado

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, Spain (J L Ballester *and F Leon) 30pts; 2, Australia (M Booth and* A Landenberger) 42; 3, Brazil (L Grael and K Pellicano) 43; 4, Austria 44; 5, Italy 44; 6, France 48; 13, Great Britain (D Williams and I Rhodes) 87.

Women's 470

LEADING POSITIONS AFTER TEN RACES: 1, Spain 24pts; 2, Japan 29; 3, Ukraine 36; 11, *Great Britain (S Carr and B Raggatt) 74;* 12, Ireland (L Cole and D Lyttle) 79.00

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Whether to outbid the opponents at the two and three level is a frequent and important decision. A good rule-of-thumb is that you should compete to the level of your fit — that is, if you have an eight-card fit don't contract for more than eight tricks, but go to the three level if you have a nine-card fit. I gave my Austrian opponent an easy ride on this hand from the EU Championships in April, by not observing that principle.

Dealer East **North-South game** **IMPs**

North:
♠ K J 10 8
♥ Q J
♦ K Q 10 4
♣ A 7 5

West:
♠ A 9 7 4
♥ 7 6 5 4
♦ J 6 3
♣ J 9

East:
♠ 6 3
♥ A K 10 9 2
♦ A 8 7
♣ 10 6 3

South:
♠ Q 5 2
♥ 8 3
♦ 9 5 2
♣ K Q 8 4 2

W	N	E	S
—	—	1 H	Pass
2 H	Double	Pass	3 C
All Pass			

Contract: Three Clubs by South. Lead: six of hearts

I was East. Senior and I play four-card majors, so his raise *to Two Hearts was likely to* show four-card support. As East-West have at least nine hearts between them it is right to compete at the three level.

So when North doubled Two Hearts I should have bid Three Hearts immediately. That is purely competitive, and not inviting my partner to go on — over the double I had five ways to make a game try — all bids between Two Spades and Three Diamonds, plus redouble.

While *Three Hearts* looks wrong on an unproductive *2-5-3-3 shape, it is quite safe.* The good hearts mean that the opponents are unlikely to be able to double. And the real gain is in putting pressure on South. Here he might have been tempted to go to Four Clubs, which is off in top tricks. As the auction went he didn't have a chance of doing the wrong thing. Finally note that backing in with Three Hearts is less effective — bidding straightaway is best.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Novgorod

The elite tournament in Novgorod continues to produce good fighting chess. After eight rounds, scores are as follows: *Topalov 5; Short,* Polgar and Ivanchuk all 4, Kramnik and Gelfand 3½.

White: Judith Polgar
Black: Nigel Short
Novgorod, July 1996

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	Nc6
6	Bc4	Qb6
7	Nb3	e6
8	Bf4	Ne5
9	Be2	Bd7
10	g4	Bc6
11	f3	Ng6
12	Bg3	d5
13	exd5	Nxd5
14	*Nxd5*	*Bxd5*
15	Qd4	Qxd4
16	Bb5+	Bc6
17	Nxd4	Ne7
18	0-0-0	a6
19	Nxc6	Nxc6
20	Bxc6+	bxc6
21	Rd3	Be7
22	Rhd1	h5
23	Rd7	hxg4
24	fxg4	Bg5+
25	Kb1	Bh4
26	Rc7	Bxg3
27	hxg3	a5
28	a4	0-0
29	Rxc6	Kh7
30	Rd7	Kg6
31	Rcc7	e5
32	Kc1	Rad8
33	Rxd8	Rxd8
34	Ra7	Kg5
35	Rxf7	Kxg4
36	Re7	Kxg3
37	Rxe5	Kf4
38	Rxa5	g5
39	Ra7	g4
40	a5	Rg8
41	Kd2	g3
42	Rf7+	Ke4
43	Rf1	g2
44	Rg1	Kf3
45	b4	Kf2
46	Rxg2+	Kxg2
47	b5	Kf3
48	Kd3	*Kf4*
49	Kd4	Kf5
50	Kd5	Rd8+
51	Kc6	Ke6
52	a6	Rd6+
53	Kb7	Rd7+
54	Kb6	Rd6+
55	Ka5	Rd7
56	c4	Ke7
57	b6	Rd1
58	b7	Black resigns

Karpov leads

After eight of the eleven rounds in the international tournament in Biel, Anatoly Karpov, the Fide *world champion, has advanced to* share the lead on 5½ points with Jaan Ehlvest, the Estonian grandmaster. In the eighth round, Tony Miles, Britain's representative grandmaster, improved his prospects by defeating Vladi*mir Tukmakov, the Ukrainian* grandmaster. Nevertheless, Miles still shares last place on 2½ points with Oleg Romanishin, the Ukrainian grandmaster.

British Championship

The British Chess Championships start *next* week in Nottingham, *running from August 4 to 17 at the* East Midlands Conference Centre, University of Nottingham. So far, 700 entries have been received and those still wishing to enter in junior, veteran or open sections can contact the British Chess Federation *on* 01424 442500. Matthew Sadler, the grandmaster from Chatham, will be defending his title.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

DULCARNON
a. Sweetbreads
b. A troubador
c. A dilemma

CHORIAMB
a. A foot
b. A dancing-floor
c. A kitchen herb

RATTENING
a. Hessian lining
b. Part of the rigging
c. Stealing tools

COLLIBERTS
a. River gypsies
b. New boys at Christ's Hospital
c. Offal

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By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the Game Goldstein — Tomilin, Tashkent 1965. It is a useful rule of thumb that, of the three pawns protecting a kingside castled position, the g-pawn is the most valuable. Here Black does not have this pawn and, the weakness in front of his king proves too great. *How did White continue?*

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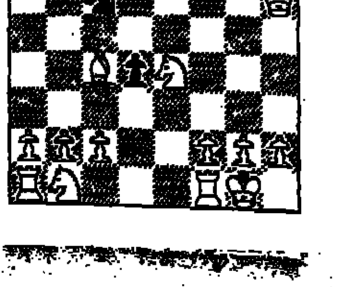

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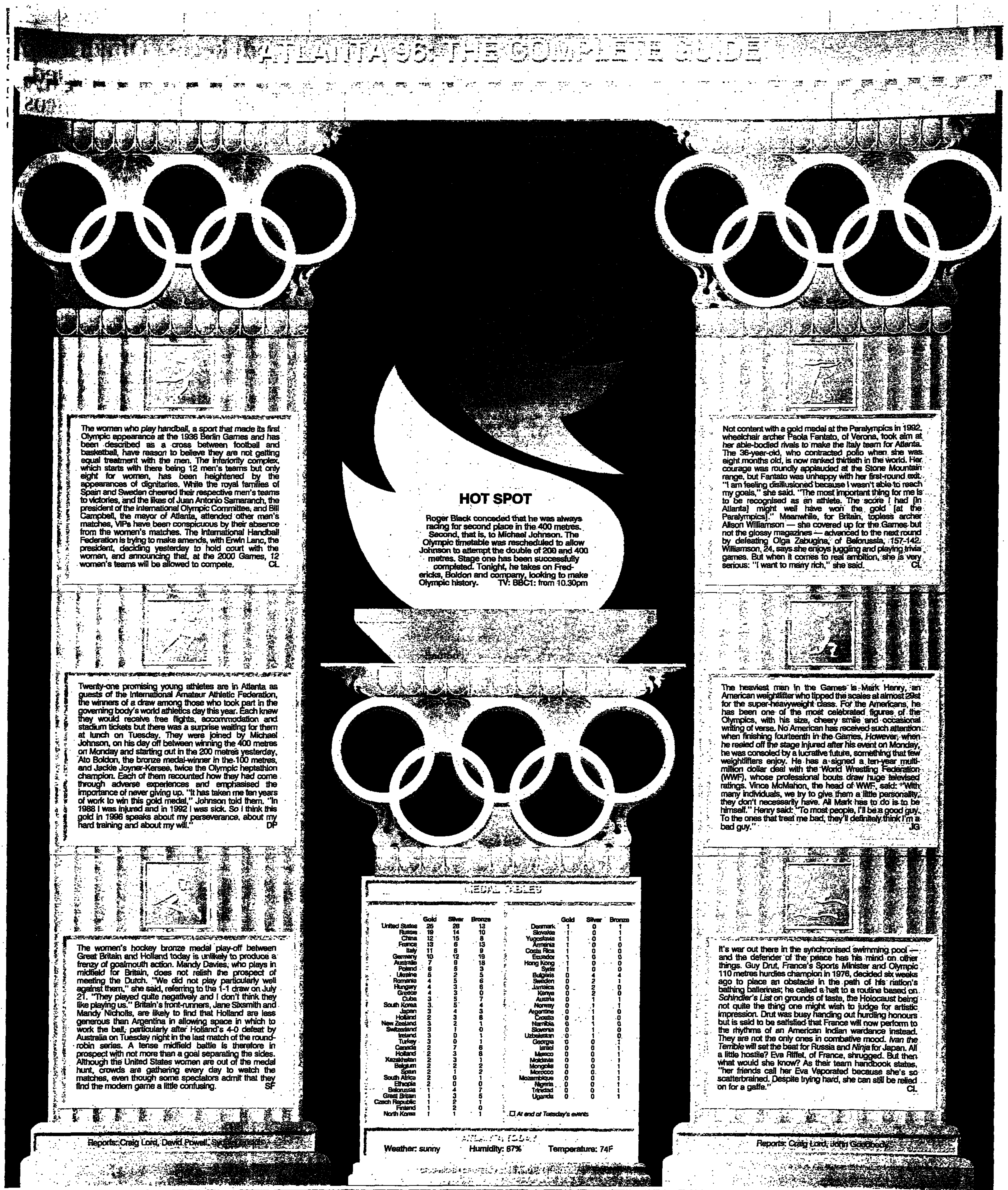

The women who play handball, a sport that made its first Olympic appearance at the 1936 Berlin Games and has been described as a cross between football and basketball, have reason to believe they are not getting equal treatment with the men. The inferiority complex, which starts with there being 12 men's teams but only eight for women, has been heightened by the appearances of dignitaries. While the royal families of Spain and Sweden cheered their respective men's teams to victories, and the likes of Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, and Bill Campbell, the mayor of Atlanta, attended other men's matches, VIPs have been conspicuous by their absence from the women's matches. The International Handball Federation is trying to make amends, with Erwin Lanc, the president, deciding yesterday to hold court with the women, and announcing that, at the 2000 Games, 12 women's teams will be allowed to compete. CL

Twenty-one promising young athletes are in Atlanta as guests of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, the winners of a draw among those who took part in the governing body's world athletics day this year. Each knew they would receive free flights, accommodation and stadium tickets but there was a surprise waiting for them at lunch on Tuesday. They were joined by Michael Johnson, on his day off between winning the 400 metres on Monday and starting out in the 200 metres yesterday, Ato Boldon, the bronze medal-winner in the 100 metres, and Jackie Joyner-Kersee, twice the Olympic heptathlon champion. Each of them recounted how they had come through adverse experiences and emphasised the importance of never giving up. "It has taken me ten years of work to win this gold medal," Johnson told them. "In 1988 I was injured and in 1992 I was sick. So I think this gold in 1996 speaks about my perseverance, about my hard training and about my will." DP

The women's hockey bronze medal play-off between Great Britain and Holland today is unlikely to produce a frenzy of goalmouth action. Mandy Davies, who plays in midfield for Britain, does not relish the prospect of meeting the Dutch. "We did not play particularly well against them," she said, referring to the 1-1 draw on July 21. "They played quite negatively and I don't think they like playing us." Britain's front-runners, Jane Sixsmith and Mandy Nicholls, are likely to find that Holland are less generous than Argentina in allowing space in which to work the ball, particularly after Holland's 4-0 defeat by Australia on Tuesday night in the last match of the round-robin series. A tense midfield battle is therefore in prospect with not more than a goal separating the sides. Although the United States women are out of the medal hunt, crowds are gathering every day to watch the matches, even though some spectators admit that they find the modern game a little confusing. SF

Reports: Craig Lord, David Powell, Sydney Friskin

HOT SPOT

Roger Black conceded that he was always racing for second place in the 400 metres. Second, that is, to Michael Johnson. The Olympic timetable was rescheduled to allow Johnson to attempt the double of 200 and 400 metres. Stage one has been successfully completed. Tonight, he takes on Fredericks, Boldon and company, looking to make Olympic history. TV: BBC1: from 10.30pm

MEDAL TABLES

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
United States	25	28	13
Russia	19	14	10
China	12	15	8
France	13	6	13
Italy	11	6	9
Germany	10	12	19
Australia	7	9	18
Poland	6	5	3
Ukraine	5	2	5
Romania	4	5	6
Hungary	4	3	6
Greece	4	3	0
Cuba	3	5	7
South Korea	3	5	4
Japan	3	4	3
Holland	2	3	8
New Zealand	3	2	1
Switzerland	3	1	0
Ireland	3	0	1
Turkey	3	0	1
Canada	2	7	6
Holland	2	3	8
Kazakhstan	2	3	1
Belgium	2	2	2
Spain	2	1	2
South Africa	2	0	1
Ethiopia	2	0	0
Belorussia	1	4	7
Great Britain	1	3	5
Czech Republic	1	2	1
Finland	1	2	0
North Korea	1	1	1
Denmark	1	0	1
Slovakia	1	0	1
Yugoslavia	1	0	1
Armenia	1	0	0
Costa Rica	1	0	0
Ecuador	1	0	0
Hong Kong	1	0	0
Syria	1	0	0
Bulgaria	0	4	4
Sweden	0	2	1
Jamaica	0	2	0
Kenya	0	2	0
Austria	0	1	1
Norway	0	1	1
Argentina	0	1	0
Croatia	0	1	0
Namibia	0	1	0
Slovenia	0	1	0
Uzbekistan	0	1	0
Georgia	0	0	1
Israel	0	0	1
Mexico	0	0	1
Moldavia	0	0	1
Mongolia	0	0	1
Morocco	0	0	1
Mozambique	0	0	1
Nigeria	0	0	1
Trinidad	0	0	1
Uganda	0	0	1

☐ *At end of Tuesday's events*

ATLANTA TODAY

Weather: sunny Humidity: 67% Temperature: 74F

Not content with a gold medal at the Paralympics in 1992, wheelchair archer Paola Fantato, of Verona, took aim at her able-bodied rivals to make the Italy team for Atlanta. The 36-year-old, who contracted polio when she was eight months old, is now ranked thirtieth in the world. Her courage was roundly applauded at the Stone Mountain range, but Fantato was unhappy with her first-round exit. "I am feeling disillusioned because I wasn't able to reach my goals," she said. "The most important thing for me is to be recognised as an athlete. The score I had [in Atlanta] might well have won the gold [at the Paralympics]." Meanwhile, for Britain, topless archer Alison Williamson — she covered up for the Games but not the glossy magazines — advanced to the next round by defeating Olga Zabugina, of Belorussia, 157-142. Williamson, 24, says she enjoys juggling and playing trivia games. But when it comes to real ambition, she is very serious: "I want to marry rich," she said. CL

The heaviest man in the Games is Mark Henry, an American weightlifter who tipped the scales at almost 29st for the super-heavyweight class. For the Americans, he has been one of the most celebrated figures of the Olympics, with his size, cheery smile and occasional writing of verse. No American has received such attention when finishing fourteenth in the Games. However, when he reeled off the stage injured after his event on Monday, he was consoled by a lucrative future, something that few weightlifters enjoy. He has a signed a ten-year multi-million dollar deal with the World Wrestling Federation (WWF), whose professional bouts draw huge televised ratings. Vince McMahon, the head of WWF, said: "With many individuals, we try to give them a little personality they don't necessarily have. All Mark has to do is to be himself." Henry said: "To most people, I'll be a good guy. To the ones that treat me bad, they'll definitely think I'm a bad guy." JG

It's war out there in the synchronised swimming pool — and the defender of the peace has his mind on other things. Guy Drut, France's Sports Minister and Olympic 110 metres hurdles champion in 1976, decided six weeks ago to place an obstacle in the path of his nation's bathing ballerinas; he called a halt to a routine based on *Schindler's List* on grounds of taste, the Holocaust being not quite the thing one might wish to judge for artistic impression. Drut was busy handing out hurdling honours but is said to be satisfied that France will now perform to the rhythms of an American Indian wardance instead. They are not the only ones in combative mood. *Ivan the Terrible* will set the beat for Russia and *Ninja* for Japan. All a little hostile? Eva Riffet, of France, shrugged. But then what would she know? As their team handbook states, "her friends call her *Eva Vaporated* because she's so scatterbrained. Despite trying hard, she can still be relied on for a gaffe." CL

Reports: Craig Lord, John Goodbody

TODAY AT THE GAMES

All times BST

ARCHERY: Men's individual, third round (14.00), quarter-finals, semi-finals and final (19.00).

ATHLETICS: Men: Decathlon, 110m hurdles (14.00); decathlon, discus (15.00 and 16.30); decathlon, pole vault (19.00); decathlon, javelin (22.30 and 23.45); 200m, semi-finals (23.10); 1,500m, semi-finals (23.55); 400m hurdles, final (00.25); 200m, final (01.00); 5,000m, semi-finals (01.15); decathlon, 1,500m (final event, 02.05). **Women:** High jump, qualifying (14.30); long jump (15.05); 200m, semi-finals (22.50); 1,500m, semi-finals (23.30); 200m, final (00.45).

BADMINTON: Men's and women's singles, finals; mixed doubles, final (all 14.00).

BASEBALL: Semi-finals (19.00 and 00.00).

BASKETBALL: Men's classification matches (15.00); women's classification matches (20.00); men's semi-finals (01.00 and 03.00).

BOXING: Semi-finals: Light-flyweight, bantamweight, lightweight, welterweight, middleweight, heavyweight (01.00).

CANOEING: Semi-finals: Men's 1,000m K1 (14.00); men's 1,000m C1 (14.30); women's 500m K4 (14.50); men's 1,000m K2 (15.10); men's 1,000m C2 (15.30); men's 1,000m K4 (15.50).

CYCLING: Individual time-trials: Men (13.30) and women (17.45).

DIVING: Men's platform, preliminaries (01.00).

EQUESTRIANISM: Team showjumping (13.30 and 19.00 — final round).

FOOTBALL: Women's bronze medal match (23.00) and final (01.30).

GYMNASTICS: Women's individual rhythmic preliminaries (15.00); group rhythmic preliminaries (20.00).

HANDBALL: Women's play-offs (15.00 and 17.00) and semi-finals (19.30 and 21.30).

HOCKEY: Men's play-offs (13.30 and 16.00); women's bronze medal match (22.00) and final (00.30).

TABLE TENNIS: Men's singles, bronze medal match and final (21.30).

TENNIS: Men's singles, semi-finals (16.00); women's doubles, bronze medal match (20.00); men's doubles, bronze medal match (22.00).

VOLLEYBALL: Men's classification matches (13.00); women's play-offs (18.30) and semi-finals (00.30).

WRESTLING: Freestyle: Under 52kg, under 62kg, under 74kg, under 90kg and under 130kg, preliminaries (14.30) and classification matches (20.30).

YACHTING: Soling match races; men's and women's 470, final races (all 18.00).

WHEN TO WATCH ON TELEVISION

BBC1

7.0-9.0am Olympic Breakfast, 9.05am-12.35pm Olympic Grandstand, 1.40-5.35pm Olympic Grandstand, 7.0-8.30pm Essential Olympics, 10.30pm-4.25am Olympic Grandstand.

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Bronze for confident Sciandri in cycling marathon

From Peter Bryan

MAX SCIANDRI won a bronze medal for Great Britain in the men's cycling road race yesterday, finishing behind Pascal Richard, of Switzerland, and Rolf Sorensen, of Denmark, on a demanding circuit around Buckhead, a leafy suburb north of Atlanta.

The Derby-born rider, who was brought up in Italy, qualified to ride for Britain only last year having never been selected for Italy at international level. He is the first British rider to win a medal in the 137-mile road race since Alan Jackson at Melbourne in 1956.

Sciandri, 29, a stage-winner on the Tour de France last year, rode in determined style, always ready to renew attacks whenever he failed to consolidate an advantage.

On the run-in to the finish, he stepped up the pace and for a moment the gold medal appeared to be within his grasp. As the three leaders ended the last 200 metres, Sciandri switched to the right, catching Richard and Sorensen momentarily off-guard, and was able to open a gap of three lengths. His rivals reacted quickly, however, and Sorensen went ahead but just failed to hold off Richard on the line.

Sciandri, who retired on the eleventh stage of the Tour de France this year because of inflammation behind his left knee, was unable to react to the final thrust and sat up in the saddle over the last 50 metres.

"Maybe I went a little too early," he said, "but if I had not done that, I wouldn't have had a chance of winning the gold.

"I didn't want to wait to get to the front because in this race it leaves too much to chance. I have felt very good, very strong all the time I have been in Atlanta. I felt this race could go well for me."

Brian Smith, a former British road racing champion who is now based in the United States, was active in the earlier stages but like his team colleagues, Malcolm Elliott and John Tanner, eventually found the pace too fast.

OLYMPIC GAMES: MODERN PENTATHLON BENEFITS FROM NEW FORMAT

Zenovka's fall provides vital lift

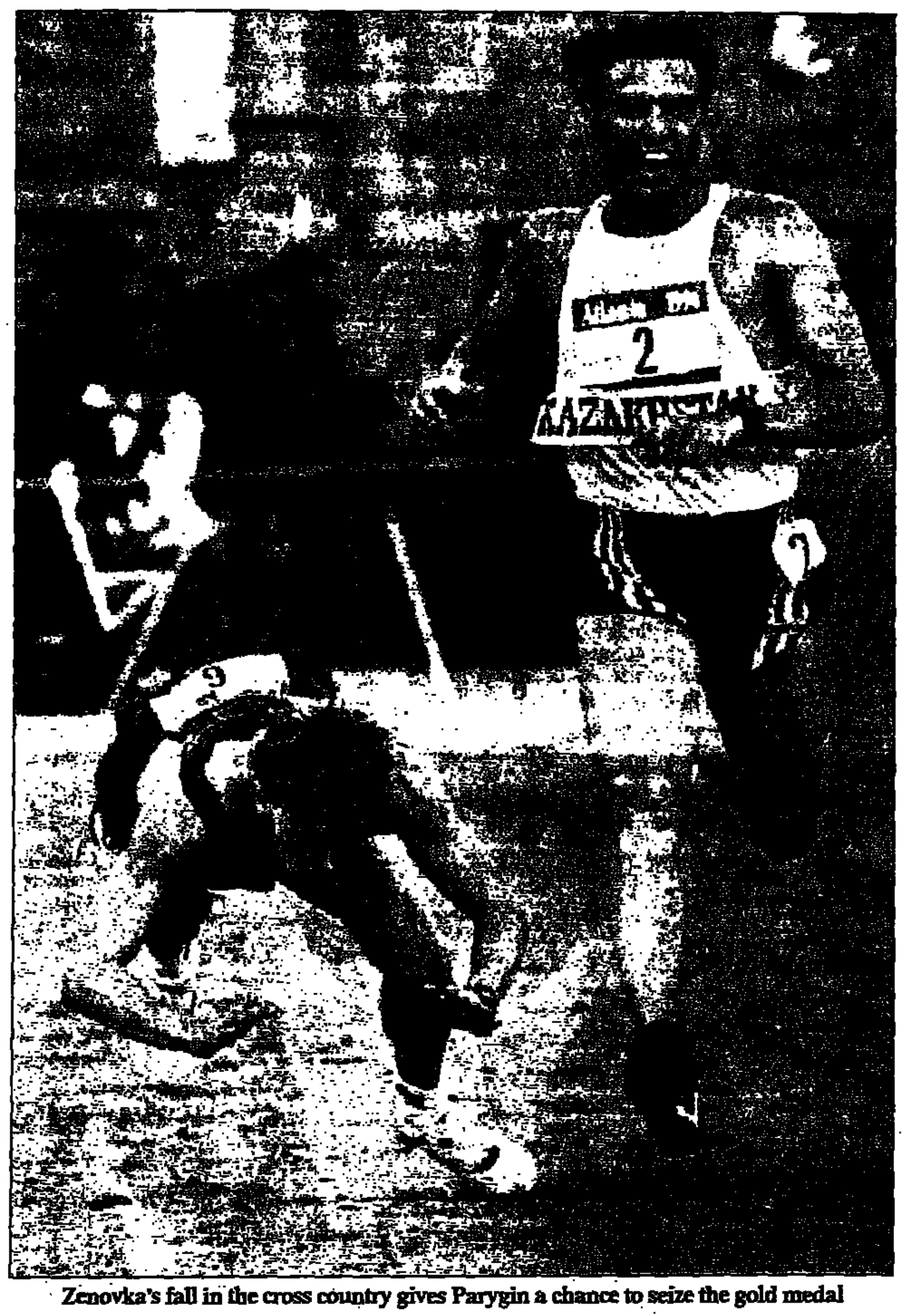
From David Miller
in Atlanta

MONEY could not buy the publicity given to modern pentathlon by the unfortunate Eduards Zenovka, of Russia. In the most dramatic moment of the Games so far, other than the winning gymnastic vault by a clearly infirm Kerri Strug, of the United States, Zenovka stumbled and fell within ten yards of a gold medal at the end of the cross country discipline. NBC Television was running live for this million-dollar tumble.

The cross country climax of a 12-hour day of competition gave invaulable momentum to the sport's campaign to retain its place on the Olympic programme. For the first time the five disciplines — shooting, fencing, swimming, showjumping and cross country — were compressed into one day of competition.

Seven International Olympic Committee (IOC) members, including Juan Antonio Samaranch, were present to witness the fascination of one of the most traditional events that has now been radically reorganised. Daniel Masala, of Italy, champion of 1984 in Los Angeles, where Richard Phelps, of Britain, was fourth, now works for his national federation. "The one-day schedule is excellent for spectators and for television," Masala said. "Certainly, it puts great stress on the competitors but it is the same for all."

Samaranch was particularly impressed with the quality of the equestrian section. Phelps was one of only three riders to have a clear round. Poor shooting and fencing earlier left him in eighteenth position overall even though he had the fourth fastest cross country time. Modern pentathlon has no shelter for single errors.


Zenovka's fall in the cross country gives Parygin a chance to seize the gold medal

Klaus Schorman, of Germany, president of the Pentathlon Union, is optimistic that the sport has given itself a shot in the arm with the successful staging of this one-day competition, even though there were further wretched administrative blunders by ACOG, the Games organisers, in transport for competitors between disciplines and inaccurate information given to ticket-holders. "Each sport was excellently run," Schorman said. "And we are very pleased with the outcome."

Gilbert Felli, the IOC director of sports, is confident for the future. "The one-day form is very good," he said. "Though it is obvious now that the event in future must be staged at one venue."

On Tuesday, several thousand ticket holders were unable to reach the International Horse Park for the final two disciplines, riding and running, because of security roadblocks five miles away, with no shuttle bus facility provided at the car parks.

Most of them, understandably, refused to walk and because of inaccurate information sheets many spectators for the shooting discipline went to the wrong venue, that, for the main shooting competition, instead of the range that had been organised at the same venue as the fencing.

Some between-events facilities for the competitors were grossly inadequate. One bus between the swimming and riding venues had no air conditioning for the weary competitors, despite the temperatures of 90 degrees, and, upon arrival at the International Horse Park, they discovered that the only shelter when waiting to enter the jumping arena was beneath an oak tree.

Fate seems ominously to hover over Zenovka. In 1992 he had taken the bronze medal, luckily, when falling several times from his horse in what was then the last event. The following year, he was charged with drunken driving in a car crash in which Oksana Kostina, the world champion at rhythmic gymnastics, was killed.

At the end of four events, Zenovka was lying sixth, with a 45 second margin in the staggered starts behind the leader, Cesere Toraldo, of Italy the world championship bronze medal-winner last year. Fifteen seconds or so behind Toraldo on the starting line came Aleksandr Parygin, of Kazakhstan, and Janos Martinek, of Hungary, the 1988 champion. On the second kilometre lap of the four lap course, Martinek and Parygin went past Toraldo with Zenovka closing behind them.

Into the stadium for the start of the last lap, Zenovka was in front, shadowed by Parygin with Martinek 20 yards astern. As they reentered the stadium for a final half-circuit of the track, Zenovka and Parygin were a stride apart. Parygin threw up his arms with 100 yards to go as if to accept defeat.

Approaching the line, Zenovka slowed with exhaustion and, as he looked over his shoulder one side, Parygin surged past him on the other. Vainly Zenovka tried to accelerate, lunging toward the line, but in doing so tripped. The gold medal was Parygin's, competing in his first Games. Zenovka managed to stagger to his feet to take the silver medal.

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Twelfth night with only one good act

MATTHEW BOND
ON THE
TELEVISION
MARATHON

Night 12 — whatever happened to night 12? It turned out to be a rest day for the Atlanta athletes and an early night for us back home. Not out of choice, you understand. The body was willing, it was the television schedules that were weak. Even Des Lynam did not look like his heart was in it.

Don't get me wrong. I was as relieved as the next man to discover that Tony Gubba had survived the rigours of clay pigeon shooting, but Olympic football? Nobody watches Olympic football. Not long after midnight I came to the conclusion that I would be preserving my energies for another day.

Not that the evening had been a total washout. Right from the start of the Games, David Vine has been having all sorts of fun with what has turned out to be a cracking weightlifting competition. On Tuesday night, it reached its climax with the super-heavyweights or, as Des put it, "the really big boys." He was not wrong.

The battle between Ronny Weller and Andrei Chemerkin, both for gold and the world record, turned out to be one of the television highlights of the Games. "I don't need to say a word," Vine said, as Chemerkin made the winning 260kg clean and jerk. But inevitably he said several: "Germany have lost it ... the Russians continue their dominance ..." and went on in similar vein for some minutes. But who could begrudge him his moment. Over the past ten days Vine has taken a Cinderella sport and turned it into pretty much essential viewing.

Over on Eurosport, Steve Holdsworth and Jim Brady have been doing something similar with boxing. Their commentary style is conversational and controversial and will not be to everybody's tastes. But for my money they are outpointing an under-resourced Jim Neilly on the BBC at nearly every opportunity.

On Tuesday night, wearying of the 40 minutes that Sue Barker's evening programme was dedicating to Clare Wood and Valda Lake losing 6-2, 6-1, I joined the pugilists just in time. They, too, were a little bored, in their case with a bout between boxers from Turkey and Poland. So they turned their attention to the truly miserable state of British amateur boxing.

For some days I had been wondering why the nearest thing I had seen to a British boxer was a handful of gallant losers from Ireland. Now I discovered. We only had two to start with. "It's the first time in modern history that Britain has absolutely failed to qualify for the quarter-finals," Holdsworth moaned. Brady, an American boxing journalist, turned the screw: "Yeah, you think back to the great names — Chris Finnegan, Alan Minter, Pat Cowdell ..." His conclusion? If Ireland could do it, it was high time the British boxing authorities smartened up their act.

Holdsworth was not about to be consoled. "They don't get smart in amateur boxing in Britain, Jim." Things, however, were about to get even worse. Shortly after this frank exchange, the European Broadcasting Union decided that this particular bit of satellite would be better off carrying live coverage of the gymnastics exhibition. The one bout Holdsworth and Brady had been looking forward to, Brian Magee, of Ireland, versus Mohamed Bahari, of Algeria, was not to be seen. Holdsworth sounded furious. "That's a great, great pity," he muttered.

Well, this might cheer him up. We caught up with the fight half an hour later with Sue Barker on BBC2. It was another stinker. It was that sort of night.

Increasing pride at the double

ATLANTA BRIEFS

ONE sports organisation has come up with an idea to end Britain's medal drought — by introducing darts to the Olympics. The British Darts Organisation (BDO) is getting bullish over news that snooker is to be considered for the 2004 Olympics.

As Britain braced for its worst performance at an Olympics since Helsinki in 1952 amid news that Dick Palmer, the British Olympic Association secretary, is to meet Iain Sproat, the Minister for Sport, next week to discuss the low medal tally, the BDO came up with their idea to lift British pride.

"Surely it makes sense for us to compete in sports that we are good at?" said Olly Croft, the BDO general secretary. The only snag for the BDO is that the British Sports Council does not recognise darts as a sport.

More experts

Swimming: The Court of Arbitration for Sport yesterday called in more experts to help it to deliberate on the Russian appeal against the cancellation of the bronze-medal winning results of Andrei Korneyev, a swimmer, and Zafar Gulyov, a Greco-Roman wrestler. Both tested positive for Bromantan, a stimulant that is related to Mesocarbe.

The Russians are arguing that Bromantan is not on the list of banned substances. To be covered under "related substances" it must be proved that Bromantan is a psychostimulant. Research papers published in Russian medical journals have identified it as such.

Overpowered

Basketball: The Dream Team III advanced to the semifinals in typical overpowering fashion, beating Brazil 98-75, despite an early challenge from five-time Olympian, Oscar Schmidt. They play against Australia today for a place in the final after Australia stunned Croatia 73-71. The other semi-final pairs the European champions, Yugoslavia, and Lithuania, the 1992 bronze medal-winners.

Ge and Gu win

Badminton: China's Ge Fei and Gu Jun won the women's badminton doubles title, beating South Korea's Gil Young Ah and Jang Hye Ock 15-5, 15-5.

Holland set for gold in dressage

HOLLAND are within sight of their first dressage gold medal after an outstanding test from Anky van Grunsven on Bonfire that has given them a narrow lead over Isabell Werth, Germany's world champion, on Gigolo, in the grand prix special yesterday, the second leg of the individual contest (Jenny MacArthur writes).

Van Grunsven, 28, who had been disappointed with her second place in the grand prix on Sunday, has a two-day score of 153.39 — just over a point ahead of Werth. With her best phase, the freestyle to music, still to come on Saturday, van Grunsven, the world freestyle champion, now looks set to break the German stranglehold on this event.

Richard Davison, the only Briton in the event, missed qualifying for the final leg but acquitted himself well, earning 1,397 marks on the nine-year-old Askari, the youngest horse in the competition.

Michael Whitaker, who suspected his horse, Two Step, had pulled a muscle after his 22.50 faults in the individual showjumping qualifier on Monday, said the horse was "much better" and ready to jump in the team event today.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM ATLANTA

Archery

Women's individual

THIRD ROUND: Xiaozhu Wang (China) bt J Dykman (US) 158-149; Kyung-wook Kim (S Kor) bt Hye-young Youn (S Kor) 165-164; O Sadovnycha (Ukr) bt J Nowicka (Pol) 161-158; Jo-sun Kim (S Kor) bt R Galnovskaya (Rus) 164-157; O Yakusheva (Belo) bt Lin Yi-Yin (Taiwan) 161-157, E Altinkaynak (Tur) bt L Arzhannikova (Hol) 160-150; B Mensing (Ger) bt N Valeeva (Mold) 163-158, Ying He (China) bt A Williamson (GB) 165-159

Athletics

Men's 200 metres

FIRST ROUND (first three in each heat and seven fastest losers to second round): Heat one: 1, M Marsh (US) 20.27sec; 2, S Inisekovs (Lat) 20 41; 3, T Douglas (Berm) 20 41, 4, S Brimacombe (Aus) 20.45. Heat two: 1, I Garcia (Cuba) 20 49; 2, A Agyemang (Ghana) 20.69, 3, E Cawley (Jam) 20 73; 4, O Dako (GB) 20.83; 5, T Stokos (Gr) 20.88 Heat three: 1, A Boldon (Trin) 20 26; 2, O Thompson (Barb) 20 42, 3, A Markoullides (Cyp) 20 57, 4, C Gats (Arg) 20 82; 5, J Gikonyo (Ken) 20 88; 6, C Donaldson (NZ) 20.96 Heat four: 1, M Johnson (US) 20 55, 2, E Wymeersch (Bel) 20 68; 3, P Spencer (Jam) 20 73; 4, F Waota (Iv C) 20 78. Heat five: 1, F Obikwelu (Nigeria) 20 62; 2, E Ribeiro (Br) 20 69; 3, J Regis (GB) 20 78; 4, P Lisk (S Leone) 20 86, 5, L Hedner (Swe) 20.97 Heat six: 1, P Stevens (Bel) 20 60; 2, J Mayoral (Sp) 20 65; 3, C da Silva (Br) 20 80. 4, J Loua (Guinea) 20 81; 5, B Lawson (Togo) 20 99 Heat seven: 1, L Christie (GB) 20 64; 2, R Mackowiak (Pol) 20 67; 3. G Panayotopoulos (Gr) 20.69; 4, G Moen (Nor) 20 78; 5, O Gibbons (Can) 20 79; 6, A Fedorov (Rus) 20.95. Heat eight: 1, N de Silva (Trin) 20 54. 2, R da Silva (Br) 20 81; 3, O Loum (Sen) 20 89; 4, D Capobianco (Aus) 20 76 Heat nine: 1, J Williams (US) 20 37; 2, S Dologodin (Ukr) 20.57; 3, F Navarro (Sp) 20.87; 4, A Reimann (Switz) 20 99 Heat ten: 1, K Ito (Japan) 20.56. 2, T Eriksson (Swe) 20.77, 3, E Tuffuor (Ghana) 20 85; 4. M Keddell (NZ) 20.83 Heat 11: 1. F Fredericks (Nam) 20 59; 2, S Ogunkoya (Nigeria) 20 78; 3, G Ryan (Ire) 20 78. 4, S Keitel (Chile) 20.98; 5, C Poestinger (Austria) 20.98

Women's 200 metres

FIRST ROUND (first four in each heat and eight fastest losers to second round) Heat one: 1, C Guidry (US) 22 37sec; 2, M Onyali (Nigeria) 22.42; 3, M Paschke (Ger) 22.93; 4, P Rodriguez (Col) 23 13; 5, Jianlui Yan (China) 23.21; 6, M Mayberry (P Rico) 23.23 Heat two: 1, D Young (US) 22.65, 2, M Gainsford-Taylor (Aus) 22.70; 3, L Jardim (Por) 22.95; 4, V Fomenko (Ukr) 23 18; 5, S Myers (Sp) 23 18; 6, C Ubah (Nigeria) 23.34; 7, D Kyriakou (Cyp) 23.85 Heat three: 1, J Cuthbert (Jam) 23 03; 2, I Privalova (Rus) 23.16; 3, C Freeman (Aus) 23.25, 4, S Hernesniemi (Fin) 23.35; 5, M Donders (Switz) 23.52, 6, M Azarashvili (Georgia) 23.63. Heat four: 1, M Ottey (Jam) 22.92; 2, K Merry (GB) 23 14; 3, M Gachevska (Bul) 23.30; 4, H Samuel (Ant) 23.34; 5, A Bello (Iv C) 23.45, 6, Xujie Du (China) 23.69 Heat five: 1, G Malchugina (Rus) 22.63; 2, C Sturrup (Bahamas) 22.63, 3, B McDonald (Jam) 23.04; 4, Z Pintusevych (Ukr) 23.15, 5, S Jacobs (GB) 23.38; 6, T Perry (Can) 23.46, 7, M Zivkovic (Yug) 23.51 Heat six: 1, M-J Perec (Fr) 22.62; 2, I Miller (US) 22.74. 3, A Siker (Slovenia) 22.88; 4, K Koffa (Gr) 23.09; 5, N Safronnikova (Belo) 23.14; 6, S Fynes (Bahamas) 23.39; 7, G Nkoma (Cam) 23.68.

Women's 1,500 metres

HEATS (first six in each heat and six fastest losers to semi-finals): Heat one: 1, T Kiesl (Austria) 4min 09.24sec; 2, S Masterkova (Rus) 4 09.88; 3, H Boulmerka (Alg) 4:09.96; 4, C Wüstenhagen (Ger) 4 10 08; 5, S Delahunty (Ire) 4 10.20; 6, G Griffiths (SA) 4.10 80; 7, A Brzezinska (Pol) 4 11 08; 8, L Pells (Can) 4:13.17; 9, F Quentin (Fr) 4:15.95 Heat two: 1, L Borisova (Rus) 4:13.29; 2, N Mugo (Ken) 4.13.35; 3, C Sacramento (Por) 4 13.57, 4, C Gheorghiu (Rom) 4 13 82; 5, B Bitzner-Ducret (Fr) 4.13.83, 6, M Zuniga (Sp) 4.14 05; 7, S Kuhnemund (Ger) 4 14.35; 8, N Dukhnova (Belo) 4.14.75; 9, V Huber (US) 4:14 82; 10, S O'Sullivan (Ire) 4:19.77. Heat three: 1, G Szabo (Rom) 4 07 32; 2, K Holmes (GB) 4:07 36; 3, R Jacobs (US) 4 07 41; 4, M Crowley (Aus) 4 07.51; 5, M Rydz (Pol) 4:07.51; 6, L Rogachova (Rus) 4:07 61; 7, K Dulecha (Eth) 4 07.69; 8, M Ewerlof (Swe) 4 09.06; 9, M Dominguez (Sp) 4 15 00.

Badminton

Men's doubles

FINAL: R Mainaky and R Subagja (Indo) bt Cheah Soon Kit and Yap Kim Hock (Malay) 5-15, 15-13, 15-12.

Women's doubles

FINAL: Ge Fei and Gu Jun (China) bt Gil Young Ah and Jang Hye Ock (S Kor) 15-5, 15-5

Canoeing (sprint)

Men's 500m Canadian singles

ELIMINATION HEATS (first two in each heat to finals, remainder to semi-finals): Heat one: 1, M Doktor (Cz) 1min 52.90sec, 2, S Knazovicky (Slovakia) 1:52.97; 3, S Giles (Can) 1:53.80; 4, M Slivinskyy (Ukr) 1:54.28; 5, N Bukhalov (Bul) 1.54 72; 6, K Negodyayev (Kaz) 1.55 65; 7, J Terrell (US) 1.57 29; 8, J Crespo (Sp) 1:57.91; 9, A Platchinta (Mold) 1:59 42. Heat two: 1, T Zereske (Ger) 1:53 84; 2, I Pulai (Hun) 1:54.24; 3, E Le Leuch (Fr) 1:54.54; 4, C Frederiksen (Den) 1:55 05, 5, F Huidu (Rom) 1.58 14; 6, D Funtak (Cro) 2:00 07; 7, S Pereira (Por) 2:01.57; 8, Y Astanin (Uzb) 2:02.53.

Men's 500m Canadian pairs

ELIMINATION HEATS (first three in each heat to semi-finals, remainder to repechages): Heat one: 1, Hungary (C Horvath and G Kolonics) 1:43 90; 2, Spain 1:45.63; 3, Russia 1.46.30; 4, Croatia 1:47.23; 5, Canada 1:47.58; 6, Belorussia 1:47.92, 7, Czech Republic 1:47.95. Heat two: 1, Moldova (N Juravschi and V Reneischi) 1 44.47; 2, Germany 1 45 14, 3, Bulgaria 1:45.54; 4, Slovakia 1:45 89; 5, South Korea 1.47.45; 6, Poland 1:48.35; 7, Uzbekistan 1.51 92 Heat three: 1, Romania (G Andriev and G Obreja) 1:43 54; 2, Ukraine 1.46.65; 3, Italy 1:46.99; 4, Great Britain (A Train and S Train) 1:47 89; 5, Kazakhstan 1:49.25.

Men's 500m kayak singles

ELIMINATION HEATS (first three in each heat to semi-finals, remainder to repechages): Heat one: 1, G Magyar (Rom) 1min 42 39sec; 2, P Markiewicz (Pol) 1 42.73; 3, S Kalesnik (Belo) 1:43.27; 4, Z Antal (Hun) 1:43.34; 5, R Erban (Slovakia) 1 43.56; 6, Y Yegorov (Kaz) 1 47 92; 7, I Lawler (GB) 1 48 99; 8, T Krantz (Swe) 1:49 69 Heat two: 1, K Holmann (Nor) 1:41 52; 2, C McFadzean (Aus) 1:42 15; 3, M Garcia (Sp) 1:42.18. 4, R Crichlow (Can) 1:42 85; 5, S Cuattrin (Br) 1:44 32; 6, S Verlin (Rus) 1:45 22; 7, H Heide (Est) 1.47.31; 8, J Garcia (Por) 1:52.76; 9, K Abla (Iv C) 1:55.20. Heat three: 1, A Rossi (It) 1:40.41; 2, L Lwowski (Ger) 1:41 07; 3, M Kolehmainen (Fin) 1:41.17; 4, J Correa (Arg) 1.42 69; 5. P Markov (Bul) 1.43.81, 6, M Herbert (US) 1 44 78; 7, V Tereshchenko (Ukr) 1 45.52; 8, P Sibinkic (Yugo) 1.45 79; 9, A Popov (Uzb) 1 56.82.

Men's 500m kayak pairs

ELIMINATION HEATS (first three in each heat to semi-finals, remainder to repechages). Heat one: 1, Italy (B Bonomi and D Scarpa) 1:31.49, 2, Poland 1:32 48; 3, Spain 1:32 79; 4, Sweden 1:33 41; 5, Portugal 1 33.85; 6, Czech Republic 1:34.10; 7, Uzbekistan 1:39.29 Heat two: 1 Germany (K Bluhm and T Gutsche) 1:31 36, 2, Australia 1:31 43; 3, Russia 1:31.58; 4, Denmark 1:32.64; 5, Lithuania 1:38 68; 6, Bulgaria 1:36.80; 7, China 1:37 67; 8, Kazakhstan 1:37.83. Heat three: 1, Hungary (K Bartha and Z Gyulay) 1:32 03; 2, Romania 1:32 92; 3, United States 1:33 64; 4, Mexico 1:36.91; 5, Belgium 1.37 11, 6, Argentina 1 38.59; 7, Ireland (C. Maloney and G Mawer 1:43 07); 8, Kyrgyzstan 1:43 72.

Women's 500m kayak singles

ELIMINATION HEATS (first three in each heat to semi-finals, remainder to repechages): Heat one: 1, J Idem (It) 1:50.30; 2, R Koban (Hun) 1:50 42; 3, S Gunnarsson (Swe) 1.52.94: 4, A Pastuszka (Pol) 1:54.01; 5, A Michaut (Fr) 1:57.26; 6, L Carmi (Isr) 1:57.67; 7, Beibei Gao (China) 1.59.54, 8, T Phillips (US) 2:02.84 Heat two: 1, U Profanter (Austria) 1.51 44, 2, C Brunet (Can) 1:53.02; 3, B Fischer (Ger) 1:54 88; 4, S Maruyama (Japan) 1:58 16; 5, I Haralamow (Switz) 1.58.52; 6, E Duron (Mex) 1.58.88; 7, I Lyalina (Uzb) 1:59 99; 8, H Lehrer (Ant) 3:00 67 Heat three: 1, K Borchert (Aus) 1:53 78; 2, R Nortje (SA) 1.54 69; 3, B Sanchez (Sp) 1:55 04; 4, D Van de Venne (Bel) 1:57.36; 5, A Dalloway (GB) 1:58.53; 6, R Ionita (Rom) 2:00.05; 7, P Jobankova (Cz) 2:07.81

Women's 500m kayak pairs

ELIMINATION HEATS (first three in each heat to semi-finals, remainder to repechages): Heat one: 1, Germany (R Portwich and B Fischer) 1:45 50; 2, Switzerland 1.45 76, 3, Romania 1.47.20: 4, Ukraine 1:48 43; 5, Bulgaria 1:48 65; 6, Uzbekistan 1:50 54; 7, Mexico 1.51.25 Heat two: 1, Sweden (A Andersson and S Gunnarsson) 1:43.02; 2, Spain 1:44.03; 3, Poland 1 44.90; 4, Russia 1:47 18; 5, United States 1 47.91; 6, Czech Republic 1.51 34; 7, Great Britain (H Gilby and A Thorogood) 1 51 38.

Basketball

Women

CLASSIFICATION ROUND: Ninth to twelfth places: China 91 Zaire 67

Handball

Men's preliminary round

POOL B: Spain 20 Egypt 19

Hockey

Men

CLASSIFICATION ROUND Fifth to eighth places: India 3 South Korea 3 (South Korea win 5-3 on penalty strokes); Pakistan 2 Great Britain 1. Ninth to twelfth places: South Africa 3 United States 0; Argentina 4 Malaysia 4 (Argentina win 3-0 on penalty strokes)

Tennis

Women's singles

SEMI-FINAL: A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt J Novotna (Cz) 6-4, 1-6, 6-3

Men's doubles

SEMI-FINAL: N Broad and T Henman (GB) bt M Göllner and D Prinosil (Ger) 4-6, 6-3, 10-8.

Volleyball

Women

CLASSIFICATION ROUND: Fifth to eighth places: Holland bt Germany 15-12, 9-15, 13-15, 15-9, 15-10; South Korea bt United States 15-12, 15-5, 15-11

Britain no longer in top bracket

GREAT Britain have lost their place among hockey's elite, dropping out of the top six after a 2-1 defeat by Pakistan in the Olympic play-off series yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes).

The pattern of the match was not unfamiliar, with Mason in goal rescuing Britain time and again and Giles scoring from a short corner. In seven matches, Britain have scored only one goal from open play.

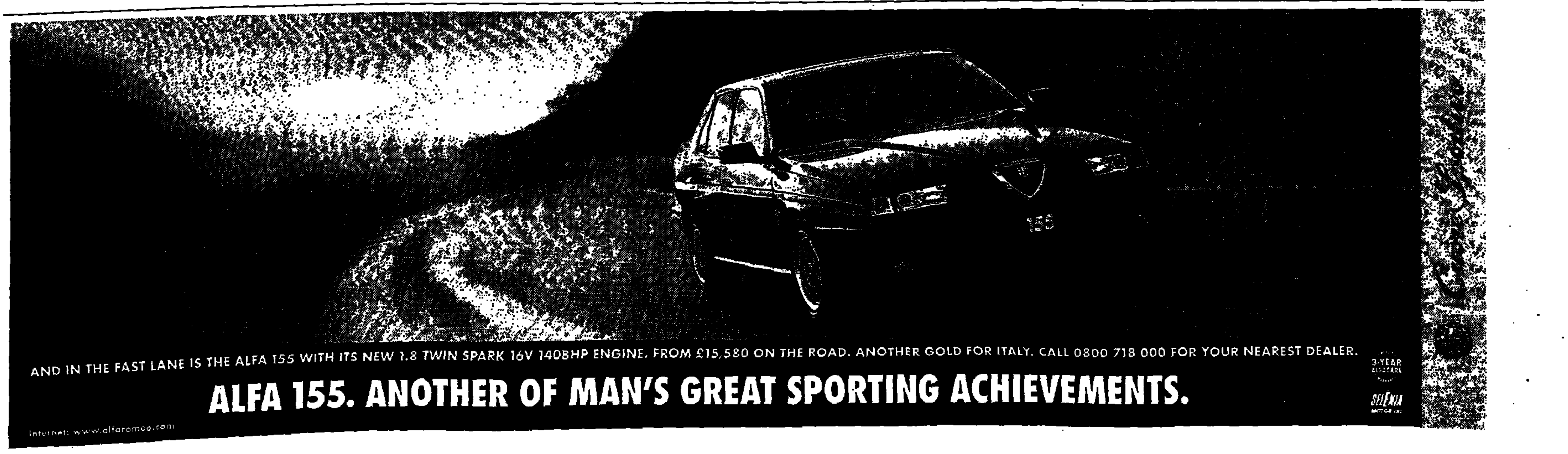
Giles had the ball in the net from Britain's second short corner in the seventh minute. Four minutes later, however, the lead was lost when Shahbaz Ahmed set up Mohammed Sarwar.

Pakistan went ahead in the 65th minute when Aleem Raza scored with a brilliant reverse-stick shot and Britain's last chance went two minutes from time, when Giles missed the target from his side's sixth short corner.

GREAT BRITAIN: S Mason; J Wyatt, J Halls, P McGuire, K Takher, Soma Singh, C Mayer, R Garcia, J Lee, J Laslett, N Thompson. Substitutes used: C Giles, D Hall, J Shaw, S Hazlitt.

PAKISTAN: Mansoor Ahmed, Danish Kaleem, Rana Mujahid, Mohammed Usman, Mohammed Khalid, Irfan Mahmood, Mohammed Sarwar, Tahir Zaman, Kamran Ashraf, Shahbaz Ahmed, Mohammed Shahbaz. Substitutes used: Naveed Alam, Aleem Raza, Rahim Khan

Umpires: H Ehlers (Denmark), R St Rose (Trinidad).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Medals may tarnish but memories endure

The masters of the Olympic Games can stage manage much, but they cannot fix what sticks in the memory. You can make the Olympic Games as bloated as you like with an array of peripheral sports, and you can hand out gold medals by the cartload — but the unforgettable moments are never minted so easily.

There is something mesmeric about an Olympic moment, but often it has little to do with winning. These Games, more than any before, have churned out an unending and all too forgettable catalogue of winners. In Atlanta there are said to be a possible 933 medals to be picked up in 29 Olympic sports (not that many of them are coming Britain's way, to the evident despair of Iain Sproat, our Minister for Sport).

But many of these so-called golden moments will fade almost as quickly as they were filmed. The spectator ends up with eyes glazed by medal ceremonies, and ears dulled by the drone of unrecognised national anthems. What sticks in the memory are the unexpected moments of human drama and frailty.

The Olympic Games are live theatre at its most compelling. When we see a human perform something that is seemingly god-like and impossible for all others, we marvel and we rejoice that the trajectory of human evolution is still on course towards perfection. But what the mere mortal spectator can more readily relate to are those moments of intense drama when we see men and women desperately trying, and often failing, to triumph in the face of adversity. Despair, bravery, anger, pain and anguish — these are what fill the truly unforgettable Olympic minute.

'Often it has little to do with winning'

There is more to Olympic history that the triumphs of the swift, the strong and the weird. On a day at the track when the Americans carried off a ransom in gold there were other, more enduring, memories to be taken away by British spectators. The image of Sally Gunnell, on her knees and doubled-up in pain between the hurdles, was unforgettable. So too, was the sight of Linford Christie, protesting like a child in a playground after his disqualification.

Despair and frustration are substances we all might test positively for on occasion; these are agonies we can share. That is why for millions, particularly Americans, the abiding sporting memory of Atlanta will be that of Kerri Strug taking off down the runway with a damaged ankle, defying the pain, to give the United States women the gold medal in the gymnastics team competition. Her agonised landing, wobbling and weeping on one foot, was a moment of bravery and triumph that all could understand.

Such moments, as much as any great world record, have always provided the enduring Olympic memory. In the first Olympic marathon, 100 years ago, the Greek runner, Spiridon Louis, was a hugely popular hometown winner, but it was not until 12 years later that the marathon really caught the public imagination. Then a tiny Italian, Dorando Pietri, in the lead after more than 25 miles, staggered and wove his way into the Olympic stadium in London falling to the track, and being disqualified for being helped across the finish line. He won no gold, nor indeed any medal, but his failed struggle earned him an enduring fame.

It was the same for Britain's Derek Redmond in the 400 metres in Barcelona in 1992. After 150 metres of his race he crashed to the track with a torn hamstring. Somehow he got up and hobbled his way towards the finish. His father, Jim, leapt a barrier to help his son to the line in an extraordinary poignant moment that had everyone in the stadium standing to salute.

Christie's display of anger and graceless outrage will live on in Olympic memory long after that gold medal-winning performances in the beach ball and the mountain biking have faded, just as the sight of the petulant Mary Decker-Slaney, her fists hammering the infield after her collision with Zola Budd in the 3,000 metres final is an abiding image of the 1984 Games in Los Angeles.

Of course, some will argue that with Britain's pathetic haul of medals it is just as well that great moments can be made of failure. But they come out of triumph, too. The sight of Steve Redgrave slumped in his boat almost paralysed with exhaustion at the moment of victory burns in the memory, as does the sparkle of delight in the eyes of Roger Black at his personal triumph over injury and illness in the 400 metres.

'What sticks are moments of human frailty'

Sadly, for all the great sport, the most abiding Olympic image of 1996 will inevitably be the sinister roar of terrorism that tore apart the peace of the Games last Saturday. Before the bomb there had been endless complaints of buses that did not run on time, of computers that could not deliver the results, of television coverage that was too American and parochial.

One explosion put an end to all that. The whingeing, like the winning in so many of the so-called Olympic sports, was something that suddenly seemed strangely marginal.

It is not the way the masters of the Games stage managed it, but with the bomb in Centennial Park, Atlanta had its most unforgettable and abiding Olympic memory of all.

JOHN BRYANT

OLYMPIC GAMES

Uplifting drama completes day in land of the giants

SIMON BARNES

Atlanta sketch

THE great motto of the Olympic Games is at heart a playground boast: *citius, altius, fortius*, which in translation means: "I'm faster/higher/stronger than you, so nah nahny nahnah".

There is something elemental about such a claim and the events that surround it, and it is these basic, stripped, pared-down sports that are at the heart of the Games. The interloping newcomers, beach volleyball and mountain biking, look like the footling little gimmicks they are after a day in the land of the giants.

I did *citius* on Saturday, with the 100 metres; and I have been doing *altius* all week, with high jumping and gymnastics. It was time for a spot of *fortius*. Out they came, these monsters, these giants: it was as if you were walking into the pages of Narnia. This was the super-heavyweight weightlifting competition, and it provided some of the most compelling sport at the Games.

Once every four years, these pale giants step blinking into the daylight, away from their secret, sweaty gyms, each with a chance to try, just six times, to lift a few chunks of iron above their heads: weights equivalent to a couple of prop forwards or a small horse.

In many sports, there is an aesthetic dimension: people say they would sooner watch Gower than Gooch, because so much of Gooch's game is brute force. There are no aesthetics of weightlifting. Everything has been stripped away until there is nothing left but brute force. But it is the most stupendous theatre. It is impossible not to empathise with these colossal men, making these colossal efforts: a member of the audience, quite involuntarily, strains with each majestic lift and feels with each success an involuntary cheer leave the throat.

And rejoices afterwards with each successive triumph as the giants reluctantly depart the stage with a newly assumed belly-out swagger: for most wear their colossal muscles beneath a comfortable coat of adipose tissue.

Disaster overcame Igor Halilov, of Uzbekistan: the weight rebelled against him, fought his control and won, forcing his elbow back against the joint. It was instant dislocation, the weight whacking him on the head in passing as it thundered to the ground. That was the end of Halilov's competition: the end of four years effort and strain.

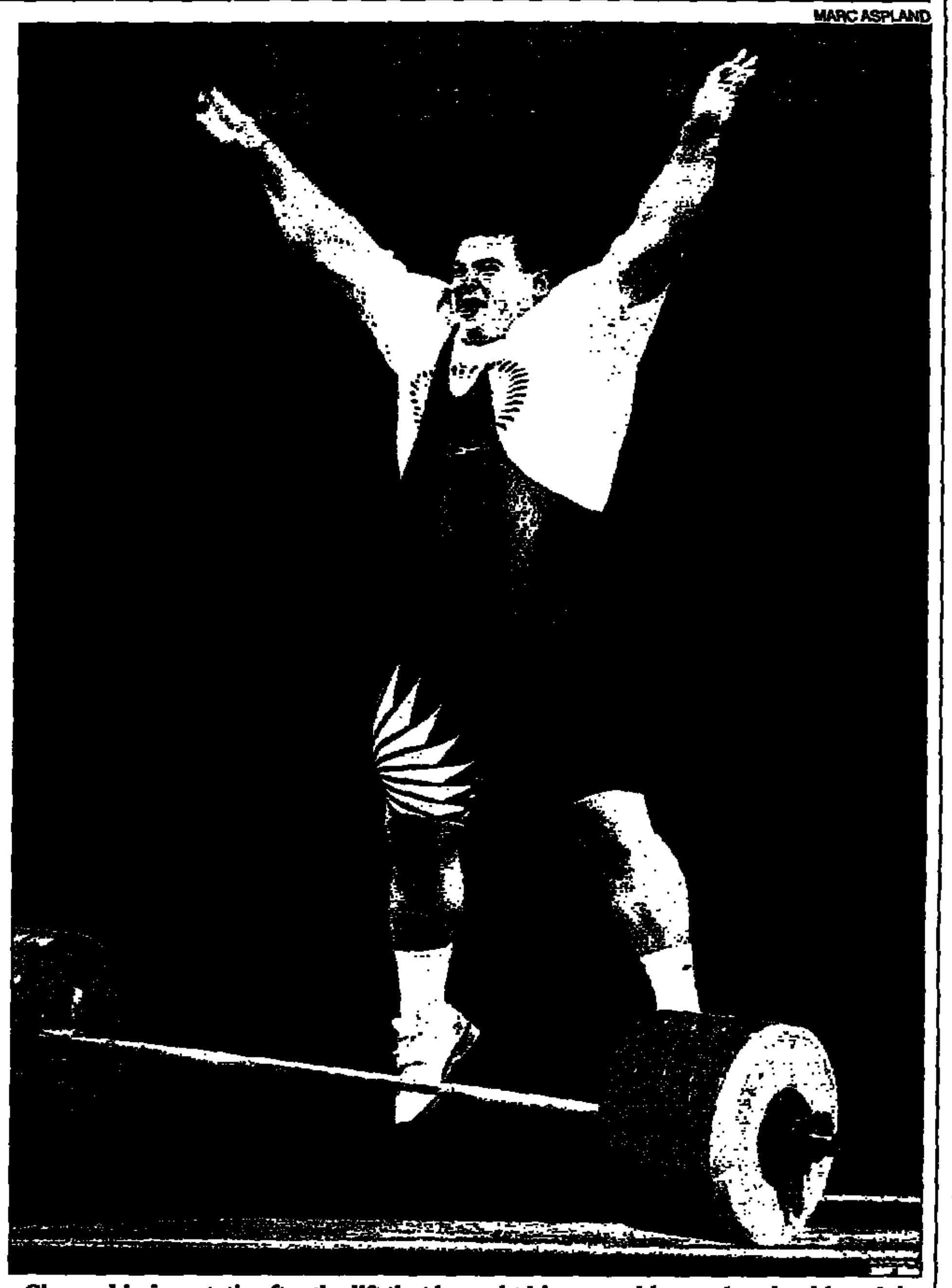
The greater dismay came to Ronny Weller, of Germany. Coming to his final lift, he raised the weights — in a weightlifting competition, you can only take more, you can never go back — another 2.5kg, which was 2.5kg beyond the world record.

Seized it. Lifted it to his chest. And then came the mighty final effort: face dissolving with the strain, so that, in his final torment he assumed the features of a fractious, colicky baby about to howl the place down. And held it aloft in a long moment of ecstatic triumph.

Jubilation is a poor word for his joy afterwards, leaping about the stage like a rather large gazelle, removing his wooden-soled weightlifter's shoes and hurling them into the audience. "It was simply the joy of my life," he said.

All that remained was for Andrei Chemerkin, of Russia, to make a quixotic attempt at a final lift. He had worked out that to win, he needed to raise the weight twice over, thereby raising the world record another 5kg. He set himself a weight of 260kg. Chemerkin weighed in at 165.47kg.

MARC ASPLAND



Chemerkin is ecstatic after the lift that brought him a world record and gold medal

The weight leapt to his chest, the legs inexorably straightened beneath him. His face, wobbling like a jelly with strain and anxiety, suddenly erupted in triumph. For he did it, lifted and *controlled* that impossible weight, released it with the sound of thunder and his joy exploded across the theatre. Devastation for Weller, but there is no triumph in sport that does not come at the expense of another's dismay. "I just thought of winning," Chemerkin said, adding modestly: "If someone had gone higher, I could have done more."

It is part of the great Olympic secret: to see the child burst free from these giants; to see these men, men who inspire awe wherever they go, abandon themselves completely to the emotions of the playground; to take each other on in this elemental test of strength, and to howl with joy in victory and in defeat, to weep salt tears.

Holmes opts to soldier on in semi-final

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
IN ATLANTA

KELLY HOLMES surveyed the battleground and decided that a wounded soldier is better than no soldier. Holmes, a sergeant in the Army, ran in the first round of the 1,500 metres yesterday with a confirmed hairline fracture above her ankle. She lines up in the semi-finals today and said it was worth risking further damage because "it is weird what has been happening at these Games."

Holmes was referring to the withdrawal from the 1,500 metres of Maria Mutola, the 800 metres bronze medal-winner, from Mozambique, the failure of Gabriela Szabo, from Romania, the fastest woman in the field, to qualify for the 5,000 metres final, but, most of all, to Sonia O'Sullivan, from Ireland. After dominating her grand prix races this season, O'Sullivan dropped out of the 5,000 metres final and failed yesterday to progress past the first round of the 1,500 metres.

O'Sullivan explained after the 5,000 metres that she had been suffering from diarrhoea. She hoped that the three days she had between the 5,000 and the 1,500 metres would allow her to recover, but her valiant effort resulted in another miserable experience. She finished tenth of 11, recording 4min 19.77sec, 20 seconds slower than her best this season.

Holmes, the world championship bronze medal-winner, finished fourth in the 800 metres here. The world championship runner-up at 1,500 metres, she is hoping now that painkilling injections before each race will see her through.

Holmes eased across the line almost simultaneously with Szabo, the Romanian taking the victory in 4min 07.32sec, the Briton 0.04sec behind. "I have had a lot of problems but I have been given an injection to ease the pain and it was confirmed I have got a hairline fracture," Holmes said. "I see my season being over anyway so why not carry on and see what I can do in the final?"

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MEN

1,500 metres

RECORDS: World: 3min 27.37sec (N Morceli, Alg) 1995. European: 3:29.67 (S Cram, GB) 1985. British: 3:29.67 (Cram) 1985. Olympic: 3.32.53 (S Coe, GB) 1984.

1996 BEST: 3:29.50 Morceli; 3:29.59 H el Guerrouj (Mor); 3:30.09 V Niyongabo (Bur); 3:31.87 S Kipkorir (Ken); 3:32.00 L Rotich (Ken); 3:32.97 F Cacho (Sp); 3:33.05 M Koers (Holl); 3:33.48 W Tanui (Ken); 3:33.78 N Bahar (Mor); 3:34.08 D Maasoul (Mor). British: 3:34.47 A Whiteman; 3:34.82 J Mayock; 3:37.90 K McKay.

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES: Gold: C Bennett (1900), A Jackson (1912), A Hill (1920), Coe (1980, 1984).

WOMEN

High jump

RECORDS: World: 2.09m (S Kostadinova, Bul) 1987. European: 2.09m (Kostadinova) British: 1.95m (D Davies) 1982. Olympic: 2.03m (L Ritter, US) 1988.

1996 BEST: 2.03 Kostadinova; 2.02 I Babakova (Ukr); 2.00 A Astafei (Ger); 2.00 Y Gulyayeva (Russ), 1.98 T Weller (US); 1.98 T Motkova (Russ); 1.97 I Quintero (Cuba); 1.97 S Zalevskaya (Kaz); 1.97 N Bakogianni (Gr) British: 1.94 D Marti; 1.92 L Haggett.

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES: Silver: D Odam (1936, 1948), S Lerwill (1952), T Hopkins (1956), D Shirley (1960).

Long jump

RECORDS: World: 7.52m (G Chistiakova, USSR) 1988. European: 7.52m (Chistiakova). British: 6.90m (B Kinch) 1983. Olympic: 7.40m (J Joyner-Kersee, US) 1988

1996 BEST: 7.20 Joyner-Kersee; 7.01 N Xanthou (Gr); 7.01 S Williams (US); 6.99 I Kravets (Ukr); 6.94 M Khristova (Bul); 6.93 F May (It); 6.92 V Vershinina (Ukr); 6.91 A Karczmarek (Pol); 6.90 V Olenchenko (Russ); 6.88 L Galkina (Russ); 6.88 M Veltman (US). British: 6.88 D Lewis.

BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCE: Gold: M Rand (1964).

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WORD-WATCHING

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DULCARNON

(c) The horns of a dilemma (or *syllogismum cornutum*). **"At my wit's end", a puzzling question. From the Arabic word meaning "the possessor of two horns".**

CHORIAMB

(a) A metrical foot that goes dum-di-di-dum. Horace gives us a great variety of choriambic metres. But the main feature in all is the prevalence of the choriambus, dum-di-di-dum.

RATTENING

(c) Destroying or taking away another workman's tools, or otherwise incapacitating him from doing his work, with the object of forcing him to join a trade union or to obey its rules. The term was once common in Yorkshire and is of unknown origin.

COLLIBERTS

(a) A sort of gypsy race similar to the Caqots and Caqueux, living in boats, chiefly on the rivers of Poitou. In feudal times a collibert was a partly free serf but still bound to certain services. From the Latin *collibertus*, **a fellow freedman.**

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RADIO CHOICE

Deep down, a whodunnit

Deep Station Emerald. *Radio 4, 11pm.*

Joe Turner's sci-fi serial is the sub-aquatic equivalent of Agatha Christie's terrestrial *Ten Little Indians* and Ridley Scott's extraterrestrial *Alien*. A group of men and women are isolated from the rest of the world and, one by one, get bumped off by a mystery killer. Episode one of *Deep Station Emerald* is noisy, hysterical, eventful, and festooned with technical talk about magnetic poles that reverse polarities and other such jargon. Unusually, it has jabs of humour. The sub-pilot (Maureen Beattie) descending to the bed of the Atlantic to help an energy-seeking research team, cries out: "Dive, dive, dive! Oh God, I love saying that. It's why I became a sub-pilot."

Evening Concert. *Classic FM, 8pm.*

Who was it at Classic FM, I wonder, who searched for a unifying theme for tonight's concert and came up with Switzerland's National Day? Whoever it was deserves a pat on the head. It's not often we get a chance to hear Honegger's Cello Concerto or Frank Martin's Symphonie Concertante. Personally, I would have liked something by another notable Swiss composer, Ernest Bloch, perhaps *Schelomo*, his rhapsody for cello and orchestra. What, you may ask, are Berlioz's Roman Carnival overture and Chabrier's Pastoral Suite doing in an all-Swiss concert? Both are performed by the Suisse Romande under the conductor synonymous with Switzerland's best-known orchestra, Ernest Ansermet.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **6.30am** Chris Evans **9.00** Kevin Greening **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow, live from Clacton-on-Sea **12.30pm** Lisa I'Anson **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Hit Parade **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00am** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Alex Lester **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The "What If" Show **7.30** David Allan **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** I Write the Songs: Amanda McBroom (5/6) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Charles Nove **3.00** Steve Madden

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Olympic Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55**, **7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill, incl **10.35** News from Europe **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00** Inverdale's Olympics. Includes the women's badminton final and the wheelchair athletics **5.30** Nationwide incl at **6.45** Entertainment News **7.00** Olympic News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sports and Olympic Roundup **7.45** Atlanta Live, with Sybil Roscoe and Ian Payne. Includes tennis and the team final in the showjumping **10.00** Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson **11.05** Inverdale's Olympics. Includes the men's and women's 200m finals, the women's hockey final and the boxing semi-finals **4.00am** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. News on the hour. **5.30** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.05** Olympic Sportsworld **7.30** Sports International **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Off the Shelf: *Short Stories* (4/5) **8.30** Network UK **9.15** Composer of the Month **9.45** Health Matters **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** *Sports International* **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf: *Short Stories* (4/5) **12.30pm** Meridian **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Assignment **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack: X Press **4.05** Sports Roundup **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Britain Today **6.10** World Today **6.25** Take Five **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sports Roundup **7.30** Assignment **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** John Peel **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian (Books) **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sports Roundup **12.10am** Take Five **12.15** Poems by Post **12.30** Rock Salad **1.30** Good Books **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Atlanta Live **2.55** Words of Faith **3.30** Atlanta Live **4.05** Atlanta Live **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Margaret Howard **2.00pm** Classic FM Lunchtime Concerto. Hummel (Trumpet Concerto in E flat) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Newsnight **6.30** Sonata. Mozart (Piano Sonata in D) **7.00** Classic FM Travel Guide. East coast USA **8.00** Classic FM Evening Concert. See Choice **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. With Andrew McGregor. Includes Haydn (Symphony No 45 in F sharp minor, Farewell); Mozart (Violin Sonata in B flat, K378); Webern (Im Sommerwind); Thomas (Malgre l'eclat qui m'environne, Le Songe d'une nuit d'été); Dvořák (Nocturne in B, Op 40); Crusell (Clarinet Concerto No 3 in B flat)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Brahms (Academic Festival Overture); Beethoven (Bagatelles, Op 119); Stravinsky (Suite No 1); Mozart (Symphony No 29 in A, K201)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Grieg (Funeral March for Richard Nordraak); Ginastera (Las horas de una estancia); Guilmant (Organ Symphony No 1 in D minor); Clementi (Piano Sonata in D, Op 40 No 3) **11.15** Sculthorpe (Irkanda IV); Charpentier (Magnificat); Nielsen (Pan and Syrinx)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Handel

1.00pm Slavel John Allison continues his exploration into the roots of Russian Opera. Includes excerpts from Gogol's Christmas Eve, Sorchintsy Fair and The Nose (2/4)

2.00 Bath Mozartfest. Nash Ensemble. With Michael Collins, clarinet. Weber (Grand duo concertant, Op 48); Schubert (Piano Quintet in A, D667, Trout); Mozart (Clarinet Quintet in A, K581)

3.35 Ulster Orchestra, under Leos Svarovsky. Smetana (Ma vlast)

5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson

5.15 In Tune. Araujo (Hola, Hala, que vienen gitanas); Shostakovich (The Assault on Beautiful Gorky); Mozart, arr Triebensee (Don Giovanni, excerpts); Charpentier (Le Malade imaginaire, excerpts)

7.30 BBC Proms 1996. Live from the Albert Hall, London. Victoria Postnikova, piano, BBC Symphony Orchestra under *Proms Artist of the Week*, Gennadi Rozhdestvensky. Bruckner, ed Haas (Symphony No 2 in C minor) **8.35** Gennadi Rozhdestvensky. David Huckvale examines the life and career of tonight's conductor **8.55** Proms Part 2. Stravinsky (Capriccio); Schnittke, arr Rozhdestvensky (Suite: Dead Souls)

10.00 Lost in London. The Hanover Square Rooms, in central London (4/5)

10.15 German Entrepreneurs in London. Emma Kirkby, soprano, Lars-Ulrik Mortensen, harpsichord, London Baroque. J.C. Bach (Concerto in E flat, Op 7 No 5); Abel (Frena le belle lagrime)

10.45 Great British Contributions. Joe Mordaunt Crook and Sir Roy Strong explore some of the finest examples of English landscape gardens: Levens Hall; Corby Castle; and Brantwood, all in the Lake District (3/3)

11.30 Composer of the Week: Kurt Weill (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **5.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25**, **8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Speak After the Beep (3/4) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze

10.00 News; Minor Adjustment (FM only), by Andy and Eric Merriman. Peter Davison and Samantha Bond star in a comedy about a family with a daughter who has Down's syndrome (3/6)

10.00 Daily Service (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm Out of Order. Patrick Hannan chairs the lighthearted political quiz **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Sheena MacDonald

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Beauty of Bone, by Bridget Lawless. The story of a student who sets out to help a once successful author rediscover herself. With Stephanie Cole, Freda Dowie and Denys Hawthorne

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Allen sees J.B. Priestley's play *When We Are Married*, starring Dawn French and Leo McKern

4.45 Short Story: The Scandalous Thoughts of Elmyra Mouth, by Alun Richards

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 First Impressions Pete McCarthy chairs the panel game for impressionists

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 The Deep Season: Whale Songs and Deep Sea Blues. Lindsey Duncan narrates a beautiful and dramatic evocation of the sounds, colours and life of the sea as experienced by a humpback whale and her new-born calf

8.00 Analysis: Happy Holidays? In the last of the series, Ngaire Woods examines the impact of tourism on other societies and on us

8.45 Going South The last of Kevin Connolly's series on the annual summer journey of millions of Europeans who travel south

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? The programme for people with disabilities

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Changes of Address, by Lee Langley. Read by Juliet Stevenson (4/8) (r)

11.00 The Deep Season: Deep Station Emerald. See Choice (1/4)

11.30 Worldly Wise. Peter Hobday is joined by Germaine Greer, Simon Brett, Lorelei King and Richard Stilgoe (r)

12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The Secret History. William Hope reads Donna Tartt's thriller (4/15) **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00** As World Service

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The rich? Shooting's too good for them

The hills are alive with the sound of gunfire, but at least equality has arrived on the slopes. The Julie Andrews types have been allowed to put aside their falsettos and take up arms alongside their husbands, who are often called Ralph and pronounced Rafe.

Guns are a dodgy subject just at the moment but last night's **Inside Story: The Lady Guns** (BBC1) was *right to avoid the wider issues*, though one felt a passing chill when one woman removed her weapon from an unlocked kitchen cupboard and announced this arrangement had been approved by the police.

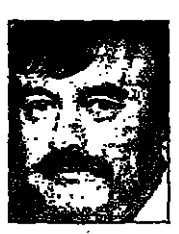
The upper classes indulging in slaughter as a hobby are easy prey, *so to speak*. Their tweeds, their accents, their labradors and their attitudes are routinely mocked by town-dwelling saboteurs, whose mix of romanticism and ignorance will eventually *have hunting* banned. This will prevent *hoi polloi shooting pheasants; it will* also prevent me catching fish.

Quite how we shall cull weak and sick deer or kill vermin such *as foxes or provide a living for* gamekeepers, beaters and uncounted others come that brave new world has not been made clear. *But trust women* to get a place in the killing fields just as the enemy tanks are fully revved-up.

Inside Story went hunting in Sussex, Oxfordshire, Yorkshire and Scotland. Deer fell over and pheasants crashed earthwards, but the saddest breed on show was homo sapiens, male variety. "Women are like *grey squirrels*," said one, "they're forcing the normal species out." Another's eyes rolled, if not entirely seriously, *at the prospect of a pregnant* female on the rampage. A woman was bad enough, apparently, but "a hormonal woman . . ." It hardly *bore thinking about*.

The hormonal woman in question was *Amanda Congreve*, star of the show, 32 years old, pretty as a picture and pregnant. She had been a townie who managed a *nightclub*, but her husband Ralph pronounced Rafe soon changed all that. Amanda is aware that some men, though not Rafe spelt Ralph, resent women with guns: "They think we're a bit of a joke."

REVIEWS



Peter Barnard

Pheasants felled by Amanda's gun expressed no view, being dead on arrival at the microphone. But Amanda, hormonal though she may be, does draw the line. She would not shoot geese: "Maybe that's because I'm a woman and a bit sentimental." Or because a goose has a tendency to behave like a sitting duck.

There are 10,000 shoots in Britain and they cost between £200 and £2,000 a day for each gun. At the lower end of this scale there are plenty of shopkeepers and the like who go hunting, but television documentary makers tend to prefer reinforcing stereotypes. They have an agenda and one should be mindful of it.

So the focus was on rather well-orf people with rather large tracts *of land who use the word rather* rather a lot. But that is appearance, not substance. They come across as people who know they are fortunate *and* who care about the environment in which their good fortune is spent.

The alternative to rich people behaving the way rich people should is not a pretty sight, as was demonstrated in **Short Stories: Downward Nobility** (Channel 4). This was about those who have left the clear waters of upstream society for the *mudbanks* far below.

They include Sophie Buchan Watt, a member of the Duke of Hamilton's family. Sophie used up *some* tabloid ink a year or two back, over her penchant for "exotic dancing", a calling she now pursues in New York. My attempts to work out *Sophie's exact* relationship to the duke have failed, so I will leave it to you: her mother is a first cousin of the duke; do carry on *from there*.

Kirsty, the aforesaid mother, has no problem with Sophie being what mother calls a "go-go dancer". *Kirsty thinks this is a* "modern version of the can-can". Judged by *the* footage from New York, more clothing go-goes than it ever did in the can-can, but never mind.

Sophie's father, Nigel, takes a somewhat more oblique view, using personality analysis as a substitute for just coming right out with it: "It's her artistic temperament that isolates her. I think possibly I'd describe her as a late developer." Sophie is 28.

John Wroath is the son of a judge, indeed John appeared in court for some misdemeanour the day before his father was made a judge. (This is more evidence for my contention that the man who called his autobiography *Sorry, Dad* had come up with the greatest title in the history of literature.)

Anyway, John is a shaven-headed Chelsea supporter who sings with a band called the Wayward Sons. Whereas Sophie could not quite articulate her present condition, John could: "It suddenly hit me, I don't want to do it. I want to play my guitar and I want to be in a band. It's going to upset a lot of people, *it'll buck the* system, but it's what I want to do."

Fortunately, Judge Wroath is sanguine. He had "seen a great many friends *put a lot of their* unfulfilled dreams and ambitions into their children". This, he felt, had to be avoided at all costs. And blood *is thicker than water*, however diluted with rebellion. John and father still reside on the Isle of Wight. Sophie remains "reliant on friends and family for survival".

Euphemism is item one in the kit issued with parenthood. Indulgence is item two. Sophie feels she would be more independent if she *had a car, but first she must learn* to drive. We watched her lurch along a Scottish road, her instructor at her side. Yes, of course, it was *Mother*.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (26284)

7.00 Olympic Breakfast. The best of the overnight action from Atlanta. Featuring the 400m hurdles finals; boxing quarter finals and the semi-finals of the football and men's hockey (s) (57555)

9.00 News (Ceefax) (9537178)

9.05 Olympic Grandstand. More extended highlights including the decathlon, diving, boxing and volleyball (s) (31236772)

12.35pm Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (6059642)

1.00 News & Weather (Ceefax) (50642)

1.30 Regional News (42333791)

1.40 Olympic Grandstand. The decathlon continues with the 110m hurdles and the discus. Alex Kruger follows in the footsteps of Daley Thompson for Britain. There is also coverage of the singles *finals in the men's and women's* badminton competitions (s) (73407284)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (490710)

6.00 News & Weather (Ceefax) (52)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (84)

7.00 Essential Olympics. Desmond Lynam looks back at last night's athletics, when five gold medals were decided and previews tonight's final of the men's 200m. *There is live action from the men's* tennis semi-finals and the showjumping. Plus news from the closing stages of the hockey tournament (Ceefax) (s) (88197)

8.30 EastEnders. Blossom comes a cropper during her lunch-hour. Sanjay acquires an admirer. Ruth takes Kathy into her confidence and Phil has a trying day in *court (Ceefax) (s) (3449)*

9.00 News; Regional News; Weather (Ceefax) (6888)

9.30 Men Behaving Badly. Deborah and Dorothy are away for the weekend, so the *visiting girls next door are invited over for* a night of fun. Last in the series (Ceefax) (s) (33265)

10.00 Atletico Partick. Amateur football sitcom. *Coach Bonner has a unique idea for* improving the balance of his players. This is very good news for Jack, who is being left distinctly imbalanced by the antics of his cheating wife, Karen (Ceefax) (s) (94888)

10.30 Olympic Grandstand. Desmond Lynam introduces more live action from Atlanta. **10.45** Showjumping or hockey. Action from either the final of the team showjumping or the bronze medal match *of the women's hockey if Britain are* involved **12.10am** Athletics: Men and women's 200m semi-finals **12.30** Women's 1500m semi-finals **12.55** Men's 1500m semi-finals **1.25** Men's 400m hurdles final **1.45** Woman's 200m final **2.00** Men's 200m final **2.15** Men's 5000m *semi-finals* **2.00** Boxing **2.40** Yachting, boxing, table tennis, basketball, volleyball **3.30** Athletics: The conclusion of the decathlon (s) (1740420)

4.25 FILM: Born to Be Bad (1950). A cynical *femme-fatale* arrives in San Francisco and embarks upon two relationships which are initiated merely for her own *financial gain* and vanity rather than love. Starring Joan Fontaine, Robert Ryan, Zachary Scott, Joan Leslie, Mel Ferrer *and Harold Vermilyea. Directed by* Nicholas Ray (b/w) (539442) **Ends 6am**

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BBC2

6.10am Non-Euclidean Geometry (3166062) ***6.35 Engineering Mechanics*** (2043178) **7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (94113710)

9.05 Spiderman (r) (s) (2395062) **9.25 *The Village by the Sea*** *(r) (7912333)* ***9.55*** **Poddington Peas** (r) (7556449) **10.00 Playdays** (r) (s) (7566826)

10.25 Man in a Suitcase (Ceefax) (2238246) ***11.15 A Passion for Angling*** *(r)* (Ceefax) (s) (9480791) **12.05pm The Addams Family** (b/w) (r) (Ceefax) (6286536) ***12.30*** **The Season** (6058913) **12.55 Consuming Passions** (40479807) **1.00 The Brollys** (r) (45368081) **1.15 The Oprah Winfrey Show** *(Ceefax) (6034246)*

1.55 Glorious Goodwood. *Julian Wilson* introduces action from four races. With news at **3.00** and **3.40** (39719401)

4.00 Tom and Jerry (5961352) **4.05 The Family Ness** *(r) (5960623)* ***4.10*** **Little Mouse on the Prairie** (Ceefax) (s) (2482555) **4.30 Bouncing Back: The *Best Bits of Johnny Ball*** (Ceefax) (s) (71) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (1233389)

5.10 The Lowdown: The Lost City (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4774159)

5.35 A Week to Remember (282888)

5.45 Holiday Outings: Brazil *(s) (271772)*

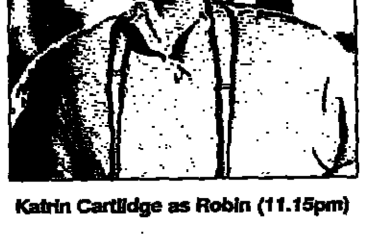
5.55 FILM: Blackbeard the Pirate (1952). Swashbuckling adventure on the high seas in the 17th century, when the *Spanish Main* was plagued by piracy. With Robert Newton, Linda Darnell, Keith Andes and William Bendix. Directed by Raoul Walsh (Ceefax) (82868913)

7.30 *Sir. 1917-18: The Last Gasp* (b/w) (Ceefax) (s) (30)

8.00 The Street. Kirsty Young and her team of troubleshooters head for the Herefordshire village of Eardisland (Ceefax) (s) (5284)

8.30 Olympic Grandstand. Sue Barker presents the action from the final phase of the showjumping. The decathlon nears *its finish in the stadium. Plus action from* yachting and archery (s) (92159)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (571739)



Katrin Cartlidge as Robin (11.15pm)

11.15 Double Exposure: Nightlife (Ceefax) (s) (156604)

12.00 Animated 2: Guns, Sex and Mousetraps. *Television violence is pushed to* new limits in *four* satirical animated films. The animators, Chris Hinton, Pavel Koutsky and Phil Mulloy *explain the satire* in their work (s) (79622)

12.30am Olympic Grandstand. The women's hockey final (s) (5012192)

4.55 The Season. Focusing on the end of the *season in* Blackpool (s) (43151647)

5.20 Open University: Public Murals in New York (8855937) **5.45-6.00 Photosynthesis** *(8628840)*

CHOICE

Sir
BBC2, 7.30pm

It is the spring of 1918. The Russian Tsar and his family have been murdered by the Bolsheviks, there is a new German offensive *on the Western Front* and Britain's munitions workers are threatening to go on strike. But trust a letter writer to *The Times* to keep a sense of proportion. His concern is that even with the fate of the nation in the balance, horse racing must go on. The Empire may be "cancelled" but the Newmarket meeting cannot. *The letters* pages of this newspaper carried weightier contributions during the last year of the First World War and there are *hints* of them in this anthology. There is, for instance, understandable alarm at the flu epidemic which is killing up to 4,000 people a week. Against that, a correspondent solemnly suggests a tax on pet dogs.

The Street
BBC2, 8.00pm

The ad hoc Citizens Advice Bureau is in Herefordshire, listening to the troubles of villagers who have no shops, no doctor and *lousy public transport*. The jaunty presentation can start to grate and those who have tried to get quick responses from local authorities *may marvel at the speed with* which the television team can summon up help. They even get a chap out the same day. But having got the scepticism out of the way *it is right to applaud* a useful and constructive programme, which deals with gripes that any of us might have and offers good advice *on how to sort them out*. Whether it is clearing up dog mess, a serious health hazard according to the show's resident GP, unblocking public footpaths or *providing much-needed mobility to villagers* without cars, the experts point the way.

Secret History: The Voyage of the St Louis
Channel 4, 9.00pm

~~In the spring of 1939, in an uncharacteristic~~ act of generosity to a hated race, the Nazi regime allowed more than 900 German Jews to board a ship in Hamburg and seek their freedom. The destination of the steamship St Louis was Cuba, for which the fugitives had secured entry visas. Or so they thought. When the ship arrived in Havana harbour it was forbidden permission to disembark and appeals for sanctuary to the United States and Canadian governments proved fruitless. There was nothing for it but to turn round and return to Europe and, the passengers feared, the Nazi concentration camps. But some of the Jews did survive and their testimonies, delivered from a reunion in Florida, flesh out a tale of hopes prematurely raised and savagely dashed and of shameful political expediency from countries that should have known better.

Double Exposure: Nightlife
BBC2, 11.15pm

Robin is a young woman who seems terrified of leaving her Glasgow flat and spends her time taking photographs of nightly goings-on in the park opposite. Meanwhile the television news reports are heavy with *rumours of violence and drug abuse*. David Grieg's screenplay, the last in this series by new television writers, starts with so many *puzzles that it is in danger of being too clever* for its own good. But as the tale unfolds, Grieg displays an unerring skill for letting us know enough to keep our attention without giving away too much. If anything, though we think we are beginning to fit the pieces together, the uncertainties and ambiguities increase. As Robin, Katrin Cartlidge gives an unsettling portrait of a woman for whom reality is experienced through the camera's lens. **Peter Waymark**

HTV

6.00am GMTV (4401536)

9.25 Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left *(r) (Teletext) (s) (7925807)*

9.50 Hope and Gloria (5351888)

10.20 News (Teletext) (5677246)

10.25 Regional News (Teletext) (5676517)

10.30 Cartoon Time (2580197)

10.40 Switched at Birth. First of a two part *mini-series based on the true story* of two Florida girls who were swapped at birth (41547517)

12.20pm Regional News *(Teletext) (1047420)*

12.30 News *and Weather (Teletext) (6052739)*

12.55 Shortland Street (s) (6020130) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (6887130) **2.00 Home and Away** *(87798994)*

2.25 FILM: You Ruined My Life (1987) with Soleil Moon Frye, Paul Reiser and Mimi Rogers. *Concluding yesterday's film* (1911802)

3.20 News (Teletext) (1144284) **3.25 Regional News** (1143555)

3.30 The Riddlers (r) (9914951) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (3350536) **3.50 Molly's Gang** (r) (s) (1819587) **4.05 Animaniacs** (4115212) **4.20 Blazing Dragons** *(2466517)* **4.45 The Scoop** (1684791)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (5098555)

5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (916333)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (496555)

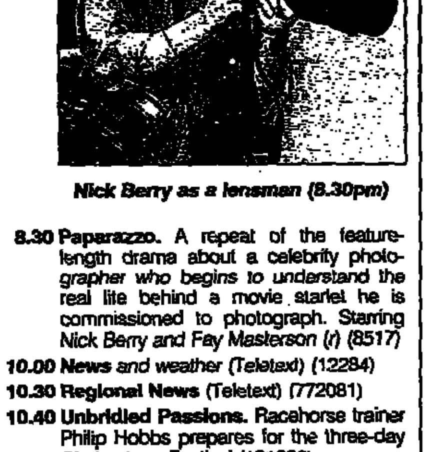
6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (654468)

(290807)

7.00 Emmerdale. Jack has a shock when he *takes Andy home (Teletext) (3062)*

7.30 The Big Story. Dermot Murnaghan finds out how America's most famous police chief, William Bratton, would tackle crime in Britain (4)

8.00 The Bill. An *informant* becomes bait when Boulton tries to catch a dangerous villain (Teletext) (2710)



Nick Berry as a lensman (8.30pm)

8.30 Paparazzo. A repeat of the feature-length drama about a celebrity photo*grapher who begins to understand the* real life behind a movie starlet he is commissioned to photograph. Starring *Nick Berry and Fay Masterson (r) (8517)*

10.00 News *and weather (Teletext)* (12284)

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (772081)

10.40 Unbridled Passions. Racehorse trainer Philip Hobbs prepares for the three-day Cheltenham Festival (191666)

11.10 Summer Getaways *(s)* (139352)

11.40 Bodies of Evidence (r) (804739)

12.35 Carnal Knowledge (4729005)

1.35 Not Fade Away (s) (8855111)

2.35 Flux (s) (8156005)

3.35 Late & Loud (r) (s) (6861424)

4.30 The Time . . . the Place *(r) (s)* (34753)

5.00 Grass Roots *(Teletext) (19956)*

5.30 Morning News (29127)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except:

6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (654468)

7.30-8.00 On the Chapel Trail *(4)*

10.40 **The Sherman Plays** (191666)

11.10-11.40 The Big Story (139352)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

10.30am Film: Babycakes (40017888)

12.55pm Emmerdale (6020130)

1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (83648246)

1.55 **Home and Away** (58370449)

2.25 Sixth Sense. *Personal problems advice* (87791081)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1107371)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (5098555)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (23888)

10.30 Westcountry News (763333)

10.45 On the Edge *(541371)*

11.15 Roadrunner *(548284)*

11.45 Prisoner Cell Block H (320352)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

10.30am Film: Babycakes (40017888)

12.55pm Home and Away (6020130)

1.25 Cross Wits (83648246)

1.55 A Country Practice (89378888)

2.20 Sixth Sense (87792710)

2.50-3.20 High Road (5680710)

3.25-3.40 Central News (9159333)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5098555)

6.25 Central News and Weather (471246)

6.55-7.00 Life Line (234062)

10.40 Crime Stalker (764352)

11.40 London Bridge (735710)

12.10am Revelations (5439685)

12.40 Carnal Knowledge (6752579)

1.45 Not Fade Away (1255869)

2.40 Flux *(5927192)*

3.35 The Crime Hour (6246227)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 9.50-10.20 Sandokan (5351888) **10.30 Worzel Gummidge Down Under** *(97975)* **11.00 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds** (5699710) **11.25 Beakman's World** (5609197) **11.55 Dungeons and Dragons** (7753554) **12.55pm Emmerdale** (6020130) **1.25 Home and Away** (83648246) **1.55 Shortland Street** (89378888) **2.20 Sixth Sense** (87792710) **2.50-3.20 Doing It Up** (5680710) **4.45 The Scoop** (1684791) **5.10 Home and Away** (5098555) **6.00 Meridian Tonight** (20) **6.30-7.00 Grass Roots** (72) **10.40 Film: Rocky III** (23621555) **12.35 Phoenix** (4729005)

S4C

Starts: 6.35 Star Street (2038246) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (40265) **9.00 California Dreams** (7937642) **9.25 The Secret World of Alex Mack** (7907401) **9.55 Hangin with Mr Cooper** (6146994) ***10.20*** **Pink Panther** (2987159) **10.45 Rocko's Modern Life** (8904284) **11.05 Crystal Maze** (9705517) **12.00 Mork and *Mindy*** *(19197)* ***12.30pm Crawshaw Paints Acrylics*** (48739) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (43352) **1.30 Terrytoons** (45359468) **1.35 Film: Come on George** (33111913) **3.15 *Ricki Lake*** (4502178) **4.00 Backdate** (3) **4.30 Snakes and Eagles** (7) **5.00 5 Pump** (1468) **5.30 Countdown** (49) **6.00 Newyddion** *(852197)* ***6.15*** **Heno** (363604) ***7.00*** **Pobol Y Cwm** (774265) **7.25 Caryl Ar Band** (9439410) **8.30 Newyddion** (6159) **9.00 Encounters** (7587) **10.00 Film: M*A*S*H** (39700159) **12.10am Film: Fool for Love** (489314)

CHANNEL 4

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11.05 The Crystal Maze (r) (Teletext) (s) (9705517) **12.00 Mork and Mindy** *(r)* (19197) **12.30pm Crawshaw Paints Acrylics** (r) (Teletext) (46739) **1.00 Sesame Street** (r) (9962178) ***1.55*** **The Coasts of Clyde** (58361791)

2.25 FILM: Daniel and the Devil (1941). Reworking of the Faust legend in 19th-century New England. *James Craig stars* as a farmer who sells his soul to the Devil, played by Walter Huston. Also with Edward Arnold, Gene Lockhart and Jane Darwell. *Directed by William Dieterle (b/w)* (Teletext) (962826)

4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (3) **4.30 Countdown** *(Teletext) (s) (7)* ***5.00*** **Ricki Lake** (Teletext) (s) (8164555) **5.45 Terrytoons** (280420)

6.00 Eerie Indiana (Teletext) (r) (494197)

6.25 Boy Meets World. Cory is mistakenly *praised for saving the school from fire* (Teletext) (s) (479888)

6.55 Fresh Pop (232604)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (213587)

7.50 The Slot (499505)

8.00 Black Bag: Women Out of Prison (Teletext) (s) (4492)

8.30 Home to Roost. Cross-generation comedy. Matthew decides to become a vegetarian. With Reece Dinsdale and John Thaw (Teletext) (s) (6159)

Captain Schroder (9.00pm)

9.00 Secret History: The Voyage *of the St Louis.* *The moving* story of the last ship to leave Germany carrying Jewish refugees fleeing Hitler *(Teletext) (7587)*

10.00 FILM: Monty Python's Life of Brian (1979). Part of the Handmade in Britain series. Some viewers may find the black *and broad humour of this film, about a* man mistaken for the Messiah in Roman-occupied Israel, offensive. Graham Chapman, Terry Jones, John Cleese, Michael Palin, Eric Idle, Terry Gilliam and Carol Cleveland all appear. Directed by Terry Jones (Teletext) (425197)

11.45 Adult Ricki (Teletext) (s) (337642)

12.30am Kids in the Hall. Canadian comedy show (r) (Teletext) (s) *(6099227)*

1.05 **Beavis and Butthead** (4463463)

1.35 Let the Blood Run Free (r) (6984145)

2.05 FILM: Jewel Robbery (1932) with *William Powell and Kay Francis.* A gentleman thief leads a raid on a jeweller's shop, where he encounters a *beautiful baroness. Directed by William* Dieterle (1711395) **Ends at 3.15**

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (93371) **9.00** Press Your Luck (4363517) **9.20** Love Connection (1187826) **9.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (2585888) ***10.40*** *Jeopardy!* (1731776) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (8925739) **12.00** Code 3 (31233) **12.30pm** Designing Women (68975) **1.00** Hotel (56130) **2.00** Geraldo (57081) **3.00** Court TV *(4468)* ***3.30*** The Oprah Winfrey Show (5197642) **4.15** Undun (1336265) **5.00** Quantum Leap *(8420)* **6.00** *Beverly Hills 90210* (76994) **7.00** Spellbound (6449) **7.30** M*A*S*H *(2975)* ***8.00*** *Through the Keyhole* (5197) **8.30** The World at Their Feet (4604) **9.00** The Commish (15807) ***10.00*** *Quantum* Leap (18994) **11.00** Highlander (80807) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (8500109) **12.45am** Roses Are for the Rich (6710956) **1.30** Smouldering Lust (43024) ***2.00*** *Hit Mix* Long Play (8001444)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
9.30am Beyond 2000 (36791) **10.30** ABC *Nightline (48623)* **1.30pm** CBS News This Morning (10265) **2.30** CBS News This Morning *(41589)* ***3.30*** *Beyond* 2000 (4197) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (16178) **7.30** Sportsline (25307) ***8.30*** *Reuters* Reports (2246) **11.30** CBS Evening News (81807) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight *(89314)* **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (85869) **2.30** Reuters Reports (11686) ***3.30*** *Beyond* 2000 (61181) **4.30** CBS Evening News (91918) **5.30** ABC World News Tonight

SKY MOVIES

6.00am . . . and God Created Woman (1956) *(51642)* **8.00 Dear Heart** (1964) (48333) **10.00 Young at Heart** (1995) (99105536) ***11.45 Adventures of a Young Man*** (1962) (12158791) **2.15pm The Black Stallion Returns** (1983) (554046) **4.00 All Hands on Deck** (1961) (3962) **6.00 Young at Heart** (1995) (86567642) **7.40 US Top Ten** (855739) ***8.00 Only You*** (1994) *(24555)* **10.00 The Crow** (1994) (894541) **11.45 *Crooklyn*** (1994) (809420) **1.40am *Back to School*** *(1986)* *(599799)* **3.20-6.00 Where the Rivers Flow North** (1993) (48119395)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 The Muppets Take Manhattan (1984) (82826) **2.00pm *The Song of Bernadette*** (1943) (63554081) **4.35 Abbott and Costello Meet Captain Kidd** (1952) (2154284) **6.00 Hellfighters** (1968) (98178) **8.00 The Breakfast Club** (1985) (93623) ***10.00 Permanent Record*** *(1988)* (753517) **11.40 Gorillas in the Mist** (1988) (21440791) **1.50am Captains Courageous** (1937) (306463) **3.50-5.00 Abbott and Costello Meet Captain Kidd** (1952)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Girl in the News *(1940)* (35975) **7.30 Travels of Marco Polo** (1993) (58826) **9.00 Joe at the Kingdom of the Ants** (5035541) **10.20 Robotic: The Movie** (1993) (75592975) **12.00 Walk the *Proud Land*** *(1956) (69826)* **2.00pm Midnight Run for Your Life** (1994) (59848) ***4.00 Robotic: The Movie*** *(1993) (1994)* **6.00 Touch of Truth** (1994) (10352) **8.00 A Good Man in Africa** (1994) (22197) **10.00 The Programme** (1993) (778791) **11.55 Killer Looks** (1992) (353826) **1.40am Search for Grace** (1994) 309685) **3.15 Silhouette** (1994) (915376) **4.50-*6.00 Joe at the Kingdom of the Ants*** (8865869)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.05am Quack Attack (74710994) **6.30** Rescue Rangers (64951333) ***6.55*** *Rescue* Rangers (64970468) **7.20** Ducktales (97868159) **7.45** Ducktales (87817449) ***8.10*** *Quack Attack* (69165739) **8.35** Darkwing Duck (67408333) **9.00** Darkwing Duck (13448197) **9.25** Quack Attack (70780994) **10.00** Disney (74162642) **10.55** *Rescue* Rangers (52087604) **11.20** *Rescue Rangers* (49233975) **11.45** Wonderland (71455791) **12.05pm** Lamb Chops Play Along! *(76910265)* **12.30** Muppet Babies (95617807) **1.00 FILM: Disney's the Horse in the Gray Flannel Suit** *(72949848)* **3.00** Ducktales (31804888) **3.25** Quack (72949848) **3.50** Rescue Rangers (70160361) **4.15** Darkwing Duck (37080536) **4.40** Darkwing Duck (48999975) **5.00** Gargoyles *(39698371)* **5.30** *Disney (84440772)* **6.20** Emerald Cove (33478420) **6.30** Home Improvement (68518536) **7.00** *Just Like Family* (68518536) **7.30** Faerie Tale Theatre (39685807) **8.30** Gargoyles *(97267130)* (44267517) **9.30-10.00** *Home Improvement* (95620371)

EUROSPORT

6.00am Good Morning Atlanta (84064) **7.00** *Archery (23710)* ***8.00*** *Diving* (31739) **9.00** Athletics (47523) **11.00** Olympic Team Spirit (30826) **12.00** Diving (70468) **1.00pm** Athletics (56888) **2.00** Live Diving (70468) **4.15** Live Badminton (7936848) **5.00** Live Rhythmic Gymnastics (6604) **6.00** Live Tennis (43604) **8.00** Olympic Extra (6081) **8.30** Live Archery (879081) **9.15** Live Equestrianism (18239333) **11.30** Live Athletics (83420) ***12.00*** *Olympic Special* (78550) **12.30am** Table Tennis (38444) **1.00** Live Boxing (85024) **3.00** Live Diving (39005) **5.00** Good Morning Atlanta (91598) **5.30** Athletics (86579)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Inside the PGA Tour (17975) **7.30** Wrestling Superstars (98468) **8.30** Racing News (34178) **9.00** Aerobics (18130) **9.30** The Pavilion End (81265) **10.30** ASP Surfing (53994) **11.30** Inside the PGA Tour *(23352)* ***12.00*** *WDC World Matchplay Darts: Quarter-final* — Live (89604) **2.00pm** European Golf: Scandinavian Masters — Live (450994) **5.00** Wrestling — Action Zone (1536) **6.00** Sports Centre (983791) **6.05** Tight Lines (194536) **7.00** WDC World Matchplay Darts: Quarter-finals — Live (6252994) **11.30** Sky Sports Centre (700159) **11.45** Tight Lines (299791) ***12.45am*** *Boots 'n' All* (296444) **1.45** Formula Three Racing (265314) **2.15-2.30** Sports Centre (4177078)

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00pm *The Winning Post: Doncaster and* Salisbury — Live (2959807) **9.00** Boots 'n' All (8692771) **10.00** *Futbol Mundial* (2868081) **10.30** Formula Three Racing (2844401) **11.00-1.00** Golf. Andersen Consulting Championship — *Rest of the World* Round (8545888)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship ***4.15*** *Kidz TV* ***4.30*** *Morris Cerullo Victory* **5.00** Voice of Victory **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** Benny Hinn: This Is Your Day **6.15** *Creflo Dollar: Changing Your World* **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (5451343) **7.55** As the World Turns (9638371) **8.50** Peyton *Place (5635284)* ***9.20*** *Days of Our Lives* (5868062) **10.10-11.00** Another World

Brandon Lee stars in *The Crow* (Sky Movies, 10.00pm)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Boomerang (5668781) **11.30** Great Sports Vacations (5689430) **12.00** Moving Postcards (2987352) **12.30pm** Cooking in France (8984275) **1.00** Getaway (2961642) **1.30** On Top of the World *(1122866)* **2.00** Ghost Towns of the Old West (5911994) **3.00** Globetrotter *(2459826)* ***3.30*** *Around the World* (7677943) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Warlords (5602371) **5.00** Memories of *1982 (2440178)* ***6.00-7.00*** *Biography*: Dwight D Eisenhower (5827474)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic sci-fi series every day from **8am-2am** on cable and **1am-4am**, *plus* **7pm-10pm** Monday-Wednesday, on satellite
1.00am The Six *Million Dollar Man* (6190096) **2.00-4.00 FILM: The Missing Are Deadly** (6167647)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (7321371) **9.30** *Grow Your Own* (9343888) **10.00** Neat Stuff (6056430) **10.30** This Old House (7327555) **11.00** The Painted House (5639449) **11.30** Room Service (5830178) **12.00** Julia Child (7318807) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (9347804) **1.00** Simply Delicious with Family and Friends (2769772) **1.30** Home Again with Bob Vila (9346975) **2.00** Our House (3544951) **2.30** Garden Club (9711062) **3.00** Two's Country (4899848) **3.30-4.00** This Old House with Steve and Norm *(4561389)*

UK GOLD

7.00am Happy Ever After (2709159) ***7.30*** Neighbours (2711994) **8.00** Angels (7317178) **8.30** I Love Lucy (7316449) **9.00** The Bill (7390401) **9.30** The Sullivans (9345246) **10.00** Bergerac (2717178) **11.00** Bullseye (5931807) **11.30** Tellystack (5932536) **12.00** Sale of the Century (7310265) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9349062) ***1.00*** Till Death Us Do Part (9438178) **1.35** Hi-De-Hi (9381159) **2.15** Comrade Dad (9060913) **2.50** *Butterflies* (3687772) ***3.30*** The Bill (2761307) **4.00** One by One (87938623) **5.05** Tellystack (85664130) ***5.35*** *Bullseye* (7843352) **6.05** You Rang, M'Lord? (4569389) **7.05** The Two Ronnies (5144913) **8.00** *The Other One* (1649325) **8.30** Up the Elephant and Round the Castle (2194410) **9.00** Miss Marple: At Bertram's *Hotel* (1774642) ***10.00*** *The Bill* (4996081) **10.45** Canned Carrott (5391807) **11.25** The Sweeney (8844130) **12.25am** Bullseye (4762598) **12.55** Pulaski (7631531) **1.55-3.00** Shopping (40829685)

TCC

6.00am Tiny TCC (26246) **7.00** Tiny and Crew (2966517) **7.15** Rosie and Jim (1792197) **7.30** Greedysaurus and the *Gang (2938265)* **7.40** 10+2 (3872710) **7.50** Robin and Rosie of Cockleshell Bay (3878994) ***8.00*** *Barney and Friends* (62975) **8.30** Dinobabies (61246) **9.00** Art Attack (85826) **9.30** Byker Grove (99517) **10.00** Heartbreak High (91062) **11.00** Madison (75739) **11.30** Hang Time (75468) **12.00** Degrassi Junior High (85062) **12.30pm** Pugwall's Summer (93333) **1.00** California *Dreams (15642)* ***1.30*** *Meltdown: Cybernet* (92604) **2.00** Ready or Not (2807) **2.30** Madison (1284) **3.00** Heartbreak High (70284) **4.00** California Dreams (2536) **4.30-5.00** Byker Grove (1420)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Bananas in Pyjamas (5831352) **6.15** Mr Men (5836807) **6.30** Babar (76130) **7.00** Littlest Pet Shop (15517) **7.30** Turtles *(27352)* **8.00** Biker Mice from Mars (33449) **8.30** Mighty Max (25420) **9.00** Rugrats *(39284)* ***10.00*** *Real Monsters (90710)* **10.30** Doug (45284) **11.00** Rocko (20265) **11.30** *The Adventures of Pete and Pete (21994)* **12.00** Alex Mack (36536) **12.30pm** Ren and Stimpy (64807) **1.00** Santo Bugito (14888) **1.30** Capitol Critters (63178) **2.00** Ferrals (9791) **2.30** Mighty Max (5468) **3.00** Biker Mice from Mars (8826) **3.30** Real Monsters (3523) **4.00** Tales from the Cryptkeeper *(9420)* **4.30** Rugrats (5604) ***5.00*** *Sister* Sister (9178) **6.00** Alex Mack (6197) **6.30-*7.00*** *Are You Afraid of the Dark?* (7449)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm *Fire on the Rim (6813401)* **5.00** Time Travellers (9849343) **5.30** Jurassica 2 (9416230) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (9355623) **7.00** Wild Things: Human/Nature (6449587) **7.30** Mysterious Forces Beyond (8266897) ***8.00*** *The Professionals* (1752420) **9.00** Driving Passions (5942913) **9.30** Flightline (9367468) **10.00** Classic Wheels (1775371) **11.00-12.00** Born to Run (2718449)

BRAVO

12.00 *Robin Hood* (7305333) **12.30pm** William Tell (9334130) **1.00** The Buccaneers (2726826) **1.30** Adventures of Sir Lancelot (9333401) **2.00** Department S (6051975) **3.00** The Saint (5921420) **4.00 FILM: Devil Girl from Mars** (4356536) **5.30** The Passionate Pilgrim (1511084) **6.00** UFO (9359449) **7.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (1770826) **8.00** Land of the Giants (1756246) **9.00** Twin Peaks (1769710) ***10.00-12.00*** ***FILM: The Loveless*** (5920791)

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Teenaged yachtsman and men's tennis pair lift flagging British spirits in Atlanta

Ainslie's hopes of gold left at the start-line

FROM DAVID MILLER IN SAVANNAH

NAIVETY. inexperience or bad luck cost Ben Ainslie the chance of a sailing gold medal here yesterday in the eleventh and last race of the Laser class. Disqualification at the start left the 19-year-old Briton with a silver medal. after Peer Moberg. of Norway. who needed to win to overtake Ainslie. finished eleventh.

After two start recalls for multiple infringements. Ainslie was fractionally. and unintentionally on his part. sucked over the line in a crowd of boats as thick as Hyde Park Corner in the rush hour. Disqualification was now automatic for each individual across the line before the gun. a black flag having been raised on the committee's starting boat. Nine were disqualified and sailed back to the marina.

In frenzied manoeuvring over three starts. all recalled, against his chief rival. Robert Scheidt. of Brazil. Ainslie had been the more aggressive. The two adopted match race tactics for what was a fleet race, tacking and gybing repeatedly among a turbulent swarm of 56 craft. all from different nations. Ainslie. who had sailed superbly in all but one of the last six races to move into second place, was determined not to let Scheidt. who was also disqualified, out of his clutches. He needed to beat him by two places yesterday if he was to wrest the gold medal from the leader. who had won the previous two races. On the third start, the pair headed for the line on port tack as the seconds ticked away before the gun. It was a dangerous tactic on the part of Scheidt; had he been disqualified and not Ainslie, then any place in the top four would have given Ainslie the title.

As the fleet reassembled for a fourth time on the choppy. shallow seas off the Georgia coast, Ainslie slumped at the helm in tears, his sail flapping aimlessly. Scheidt. assured of the gold medal by his legitimate tactics, sailed across to the British youngster to console him. "Ben put himself in a bad position," Scheidt said. "I told him he'd sailed a great regatta, and I was sorry the way it ended."

Ainslie admitted that, had he been able, he would have done the same to the Brazilian. "Robert was slightly in front as we came up for the third start," he said. "I particularly needed a good start. I had to keep pace with him, though it was clear there was a danger of going over. Yes. I'd have certainly done the same. It was an easier way for him to beat me than going round the race track again, but I'm happy with a medal at the first Olympics for the Laser class. I feel it's a really good achievement.

"Before each of the starts we were match racing back and forth, but I'm not sure that it achieved much." Except, of course, his disqualification and the certainty of Scheidt's gold medal.

Ainslie, born in Macclesfield, started sailing at the age of four. and competing at ten. His first international. aged 12. was at the Optimist world championship in Japan. where he finishing 37th. He won the European Open championship this year, having been runner-up in the 1994 and 1995 world youth championship.

Scheidt, a 23-year-old from São Paulo, has been world champion for the past two years. For Ainslie to have run him so close was indeed a mark of his class. Lasers are the breeding ground of the yachtsmen of tomorrow. Paul Henderson, president of the International Yacht Racing Union, who was watching yesterday from close range on the course, said: "Ainslie's performance has been outstanding for one so young."

Although Britain is underfunded, there is general recognition that they have performed well at the Olympic regatta because they have stuck to the old principle, relying on seat-of-the-pants sailing, and instinct, rather than expensive investment on modern technology. The Germans and Americans have spent massive sums but under-performed.

There had been worry yesterday about how Ainslie might perform after a rest day. Twice previously he had begun badly. finishing 27th in the opening race, and 16th in the ninth race after another break. But in the other eight races had had never been below seventh. and had two firsts and four seconds. a steadiness in the second half of the competition even more consistent than Scheidt. To end in such a way was a wretched anti-climax. but his medal is reward enough for what he has achieved so far.

Ainslie's compatriots, John Merricks and Ian Walker, saved themselves from slipping out of medal contention in the 470 class with a superb display of power sailing, recovering from seventeenth to second in race ten on Tuesday. This leaves them in the silver-medal position with one race to go today. The destiny of the gold is already settled. however. with the Ukranian pairing of Ihor Matviyenko and Yevhen Braslavets securing the title with a ninth place, which was enough to save them sailing again.

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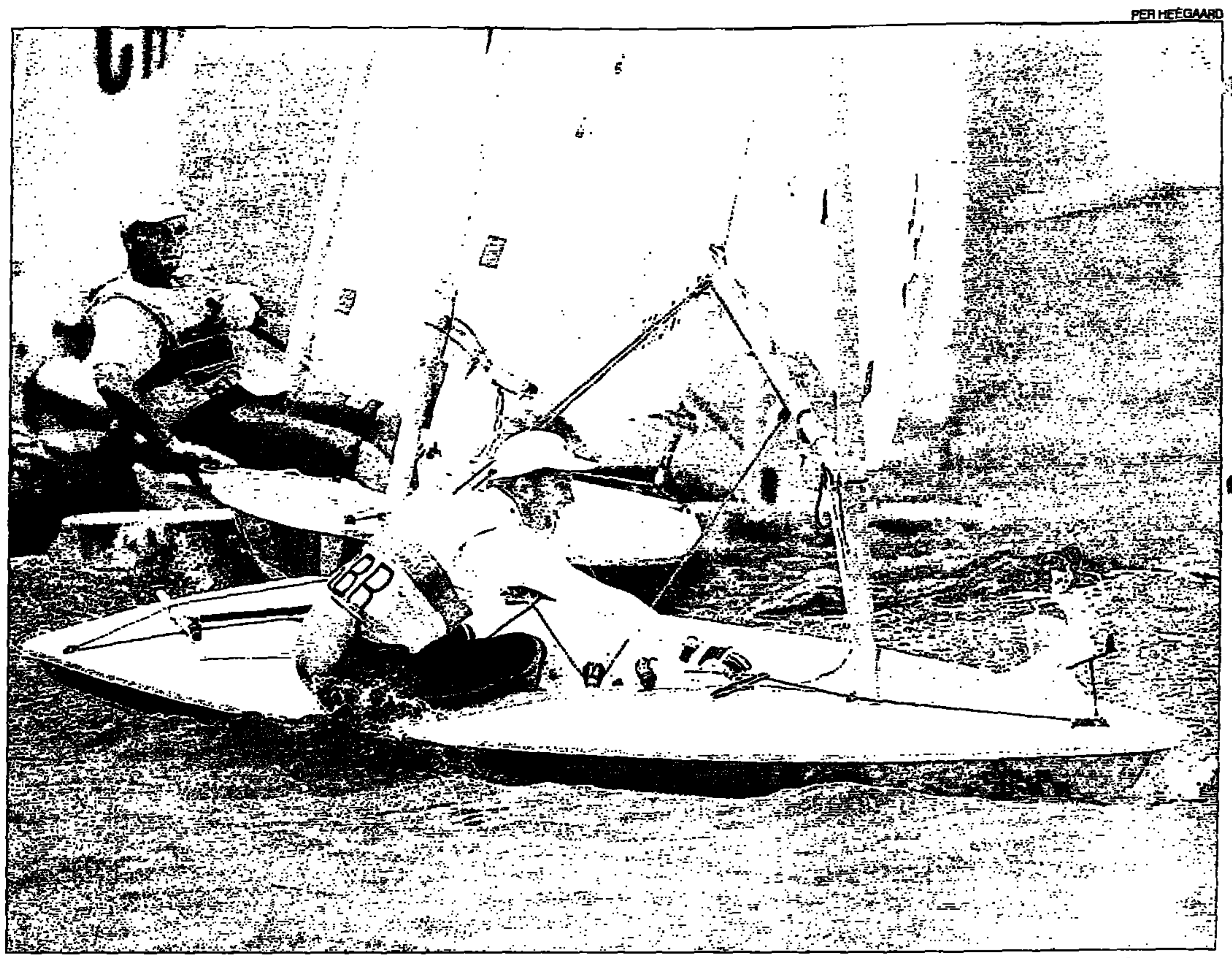

Ainslie held on to the silver medal in the Laser class despite being disqualified at the start of the eleventh and final race yesterday

Duo secure a golden opportunity

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

TIM HENMAN and Neil Broad guaranteed Britain a silver medal by reaching the final of the men's tennis doubles yesterday. Broad served two aces in the eighteenthgame of a 58-minute third set to seal victory by 4-6, 6-3, 10-8 over Marc-Kevin Göllner and David Prinosil, of Germany.

The match began badly for the Britain pair when Henman twice double-faulted in the opening game to give Germany an immediate lead in defence of the title won by Boris Becker and Michael Stich in Barcelona in 1992.

Henman and Broad came close to levelling at 3-3 when Henman's volley made it 40-30 in the sixth game, but the Germany pair recovered and Göellner clinched the opening set with his powerful service game, sending an ace at 123mph to secure a 6-4 lead.

However, the Britian pair broke Prinosil's service in the second game of the second set, and their nerve held until Broad levelled the match at 6-3 with one of his five aces.

As the players began to tire in the humid conditions, the serving became more and more influential, the Germans eventually cracking for Henman and Broad to clinch their victory after one hour, 55 minutes.

The final set went mostly to serve, until Göellner was broken in the seventeenth game. Both the Germany pair made false strokes to put the Britain pairing 40-15 up, and Broad's backhand down the middle took the set score to 9-8 in Britain's favour.

In the final game 29-year-old Broad's powerful serve helped Britain to secure a place in Friday's final.

Henman was particularly pleased to gain some revenge for England's semi-final defeat by Germany in the European football championship. "I think we were reminded that we haven't had a great run against Germany in semi-finals, or any luck in two penalty shoot-outs, so maybe we were owed our close win today," he said. "We were obviously very pleased to reach the final. We came into the event trying to get a medal, and now we must forget about what's happened and make sure we get the right colour."

Broad, who was born in Cape Town but whose father hails from Sunderland, admitted to being nervous when serving to win the match. "I was shaking, I was nervous, but I was positive on my serve. I've been in big matches before, and this obviously is one of the biggest I've played.

"In that final game, Tim told me to go for my serve. And with the second serve he said it was 'pub' point — because I have a pub in my house and it is somewhere to put the medal. We always thought that we could do well if we played well, and we did play well."

The British pair had only played in doubles together once before the Olympics, in a Davis Cup tie against Slovakia, but were doubled-up once more purely for the Games. Henman said: "I feel part of the Olympic team, especially being the village and I've had huge support from the British Olympic Association."

The success of Henman and Broad gives a boost to Britain's placing in the medals table. "There've been some good and bad moments for the whole team in the Olympics. But at the end of the day all the athletes went out and did their best and you can't ask for more."

They were given plenty of support by the British contingent in the crowd, with the other members of the team joining in. "I don't know of any specific support for me, but obviously the British people in the crowd have really got behind us and given us good support," Henman said.

Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, of Spain, secured a medal in the women's singles by beat Jana Novotna, of the Czech Republic, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 in the semi-final.

Andre Agassi, the No 1 seed, lost several arguments with the umpire but won the final four games of his match with Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa, to earn a 7-5, 4-6, 7-5 victory.

"I think the tennis was worthy of a gold," Agassi said. "If Wayne was sitting here as the winner, I would probably favor him to win the tournament with the way he was playing."

Agassi advanced to the semi-finals along with three unseeded players — Sergi Bruguera, of Spain, Fernando Meligeni, of Brazil, and Leander Paes, of India, a wild-card entry who is ranked 126th. Agassi now plays Paes today.

Bubka's challenge brought down before it starts

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN ATLANTA

LINFORD CHRISTIE breezed through the first round of the Olympic Games 200 metres here yesterday in his first race since he was disqualified for two false starts in the 100 metres final on Saturday. This time it was Sergey Bubka who left the track prematurely.

Bubka, who has set 35 pole vault world records and has been world champion since 1983, came out to compete in the qualifying round but left without taking a jump. He was suffering injuries to both Achilles tendons, one that has been afflicting him since April, the other new. He had hoped he would be able to compete through the pain but, once he put on his spikes, he knew he was beaten.

This is the second successive Olympics in which Bubka, the 1988 champion, has failed to register a height. In the 1992 Barcelona Games, he had two failures at his usual opening height of 5.70 metres and one at 5.75.

He described that moment as "my biggest disappointment, embarrassing."

Bubka, from Ukraine, is probably the wealthiest athlete in the sport, having commanded top appearance fees since open professionalism was embraced. His sponsor. Nike, pays him $40,000 (about £26,000) for each world record and he has broken 15 since signing.

"For me, it is a big tragedy," Bubka said yesterday. It was a bad day for the family. His brother, Vasiliy, no-heighted as well.

Eliminated, too, was Okkert Brits, from South Africa, second in the world rankings this season behind Bubka. Two other Brits went out, Nick Buckfield, the British record holder, and Neil Winter, the Commonwealth champion, both failing to progress beyond 5.40.

These are becoming the Johnson games. After Michael Johnson won the 400 metres and Allen Johnson the 110 metres hurdles another United States athlete, Lawrence Johnson, progressed into the final on Friday. Johnson has jumped 5.98 this season.

Christie: eased through 200 metres first round

Some weeks ago Christie said he would "definitely" not be running in the 200 metres, but changed his tune. He must be pleased that he did after Saturday, when his protests held up the race. His mind was back on the job yesterday.

He made a good start and, though his time was only seventeenth fastest of those who progressed into the second round, he eased up well before the line, recording 20.64sec.

Ato Boldon, from Trinidad, the 100 metres bronze medal-winner, who was among those who criticised the Briton for his antics on Saturday, was the quickest, with 20.28.

Michael Johnson, beginning the second half of his double attempt, won his heat in 20.55 and there were no big casualties as Mike Marsh, the defending champion from the United States, Jeff Williams, his compatriot, and Frankie Fredericks, who defeated Johnson over the distance in Oslo last month, all came through.

It is probably too much to hope that Christie can add to the Great Britain medal count and, at 36 years old and competing in his second event, it is fair to say that he will do well to make the final. It should be remembered, though, that only 17 months ago he set an indoor world record for 200 metres.

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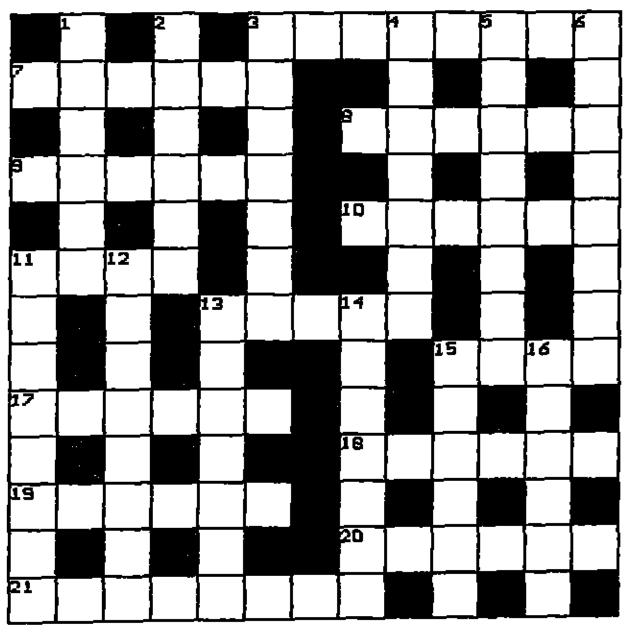

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8 Printed corrections (6)
9 Keep bubbling (6)
10 What is to come (6)
11 Garment: confer (right on) (4)
13 Fish: go on ice (5)
15 Ballet leap, legs spread (4)
17 Fastening: give way (6)
18 Inconstant (of mind) (6)
19 Suave, smooth (6)
20 Wordsworth's was *Solitary* (6)
21 Inured: set (8)

DOWN
1 Skin-mark of blow (6)
2 Curtain-top cover (6)
3 *Gather ye rosebuds* poet (7)
4 Big tent (7)
5 Appraise (8)
6 Hunt for scraps (8)
11 Sir John —, architect, dramatist (8)
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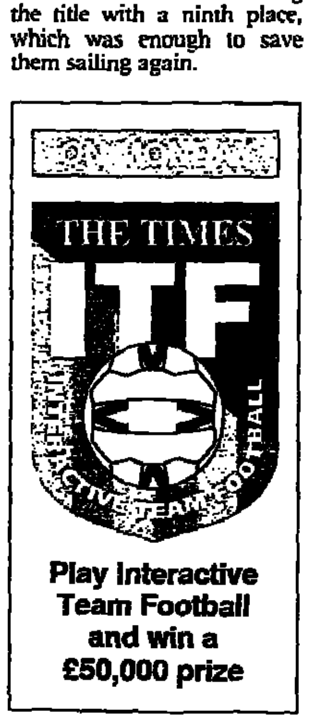

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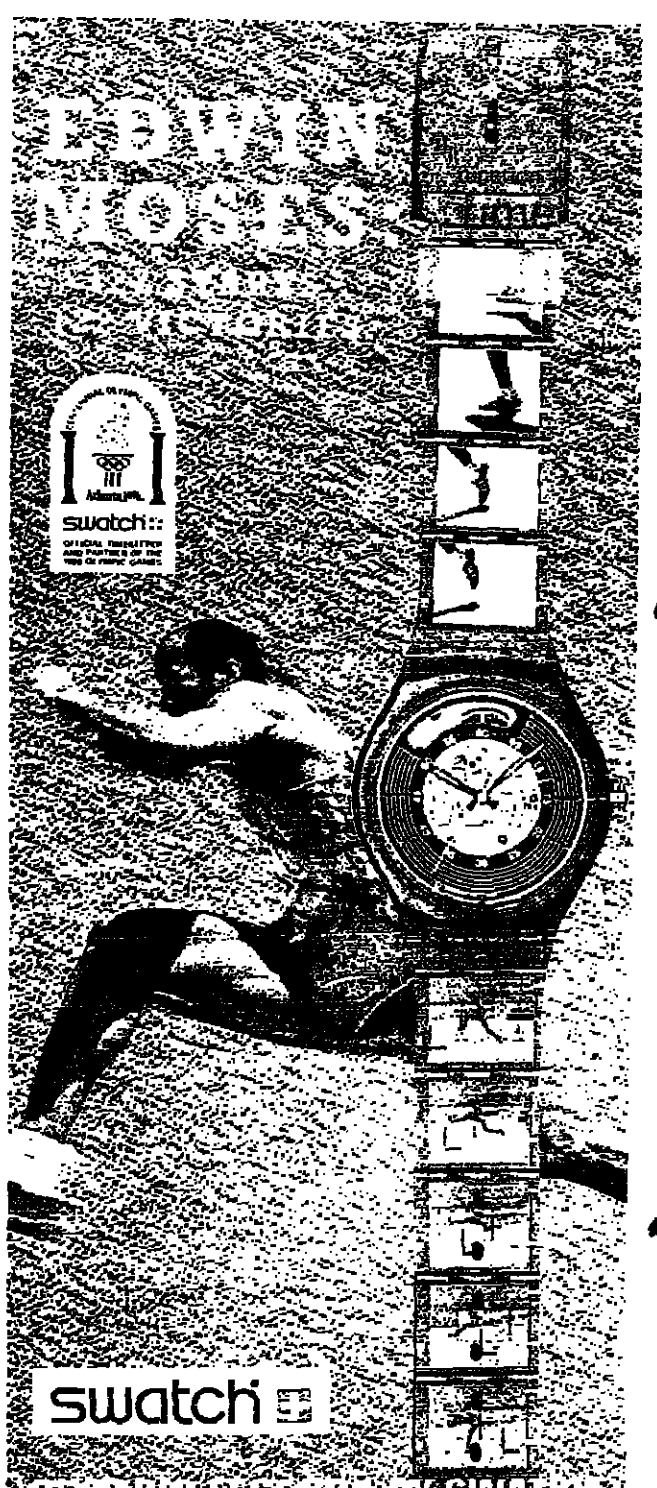

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